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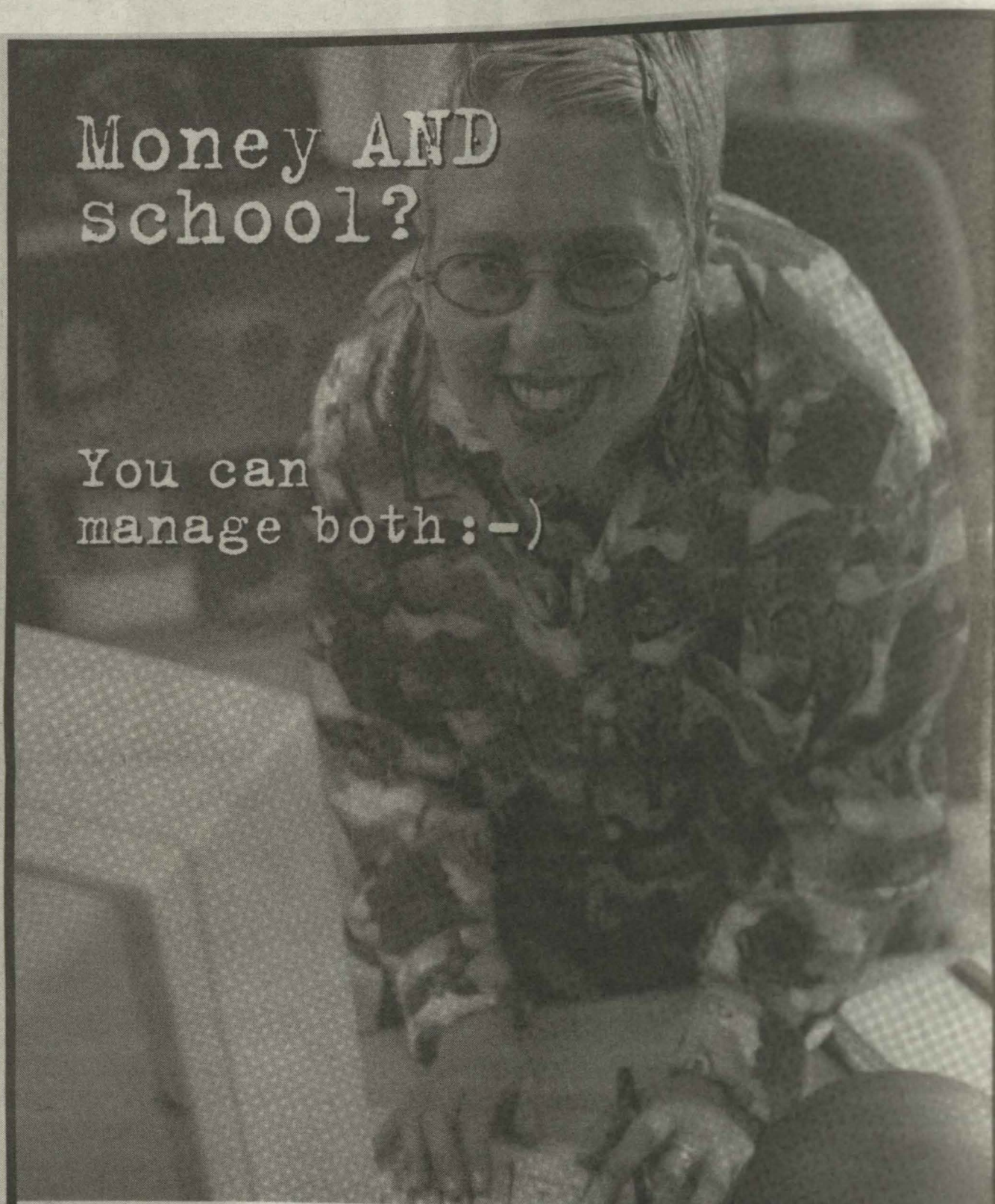
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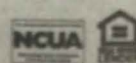
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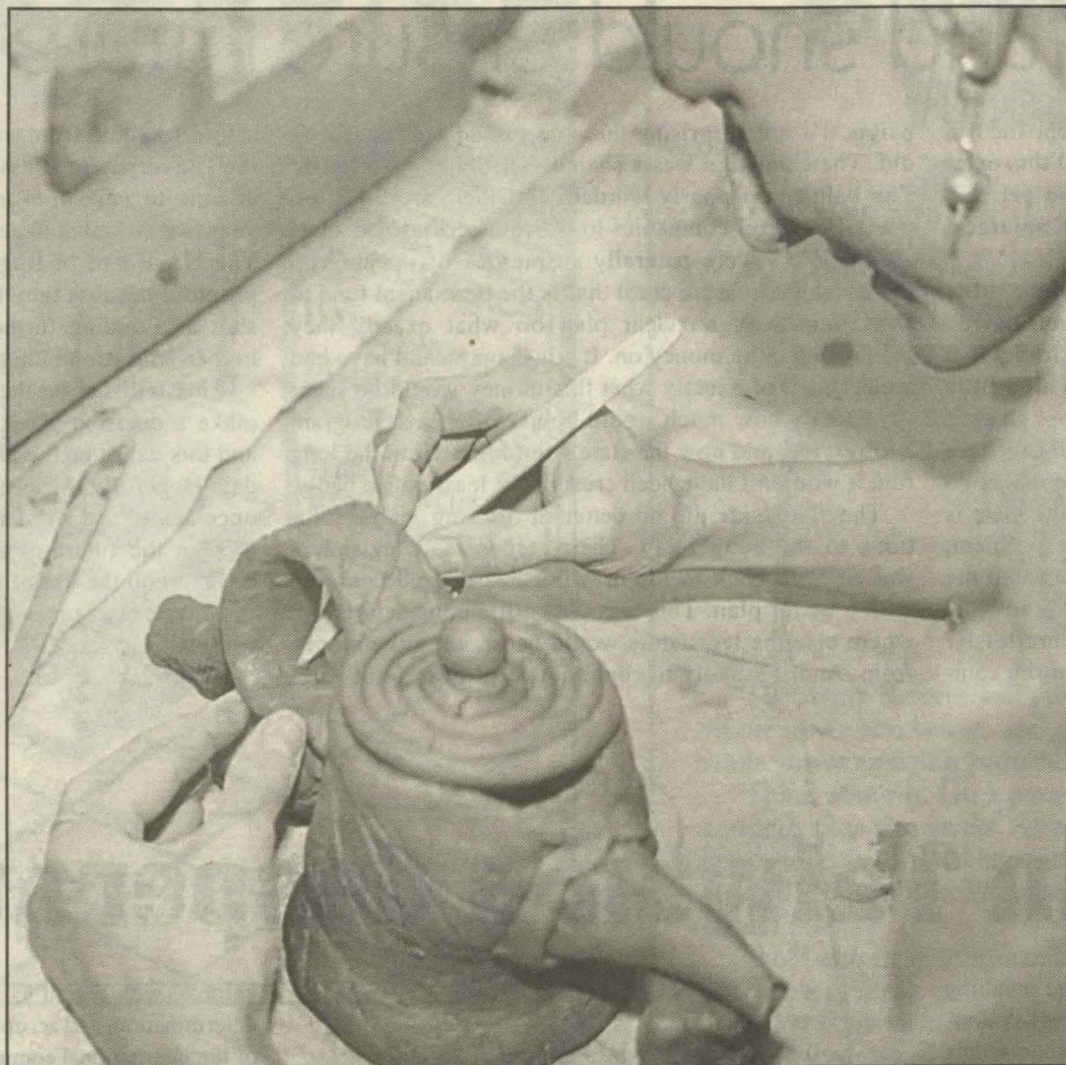
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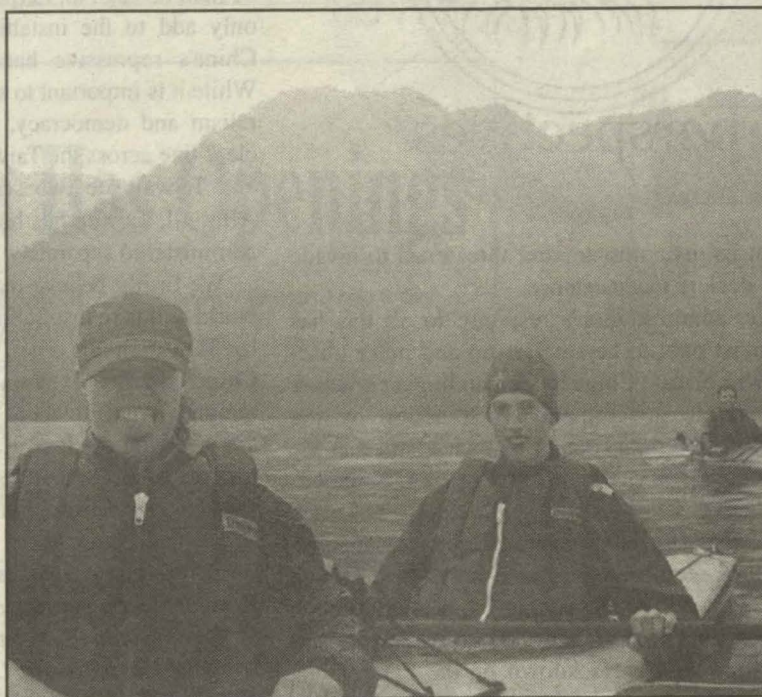


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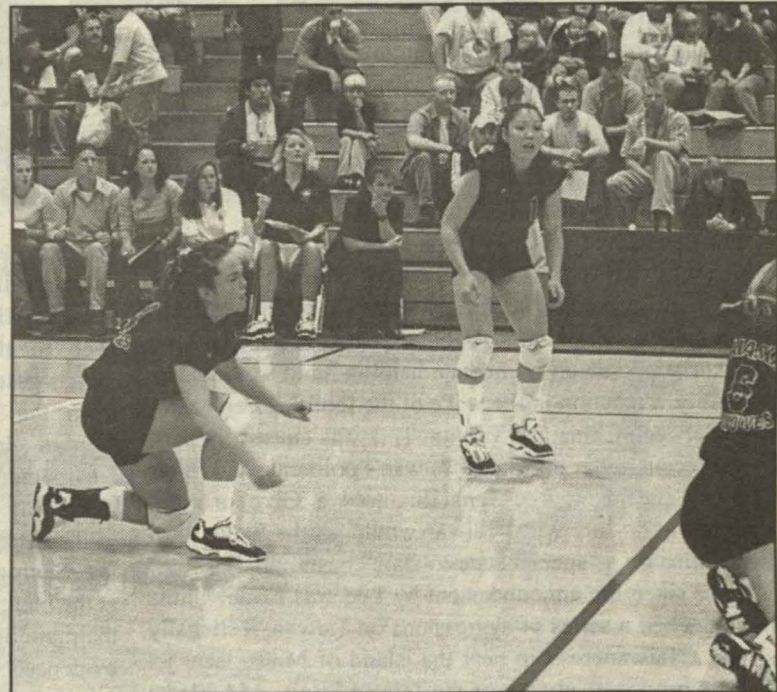
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## Permanent fund should ensure future of state

Permanent fund checks are about to be deposited in the accounts of many Alaskans. So, what will this extra money mean for most of us? It will mean we get new toys, pay off some bills, maybe invest a little, splurge a little or take that long-needed vacation.

The permanent fund definitely makes life a little nicer for Alaskans, for a little while. However, having an extra \$1,700 in the pocket makes it easy to forget that the fund was set up to do more than make us all a little richer. It was set up for a particular purpose — helping the state weather hard financial times when oil revenues could no longer bail us out. Up until now, there was no need to consider its reason for existing. But the state is now in a \$1 billion budget-gap. To solve the problem, the legislators put forth an advisory vote to tap into the permanent fund to, help close that gap. We all know the rest. It wasn't just defeated, it was crushed mercilessly.

Watching the way the "Yes" supporters ran the cam-

paign, it's not surprising the vote turned out the way it did. The campaign was a shambles from start to finish. The ballot was poorly worded, and there were far too many ties to oil companies to warrant serious consideration. Voters were naturally suspicious of opening up the financial treasure chest that is the permanent fund to legislators with no clear plan on what exactly they would spend the money on. If Alaskans would have had a clear idea of exactly what this money would be spent on, exactly how much would be used for each program and service, and how the state would benefit in the long run, it wouldn't have been crushed; at least not so badly.

The "No" side did no better in offering viable solutions to the budget-gap. Their response to legislators was to "go back to the drawing board" and come up with a better plan. This was with little consideration to where else the legislators would be drawing the money from. And it's likely to come out of places that it can't

afford to come from, like education. Many with ties to the University of Alaska, those who have had to weather cuts to education and see tuition slowly rise each year, were hoping to see voters support the referendum. The UA Board of Regents came out in support of the proposal because they felt it would give the university a shot at avoiding further cuts to an already dwindling higher-education budget.

This will not be the last time Alaskans will have to make a decision about the use of the permanent fund, and this won't be the last time this state will face a rainy day. Hopefully this issue will be brought forth to voters once again, and Alaskans will have a better opportunity to plan the future of this state and make an educated decision on the use of the permanent fund.

Maybe next time we'll be better equipped, and educated, to face it.

## UN fails in Taiwan's desperate hour

The United Nations' groveling to China in the handling of the earthquake in Taiwan has gone from merely embarrassing to potentially dangerous. While the rescue teams from the United States and various international organizations reacted promptly to the humanitarian call, the United Nations itself was held back by the fact that it does not officially recognize Taiwan. Any aid to Taiwan by the United Nations had to be approved by the Chinese government in Beijing. Such political meddling not only delayed international aid efforts and the rescue mission, but it also gave the Chinese government the chance to assert illegitimate sovereignty over Taiwan.

We urge the international communities to condemn such political maneuvering and such a vitriolic propaganda campaign on the part of the United Nations and the Chinese government and their regrettable violation of international humanitarian principles in politicizing disaster relief-aid to Taiwan at the expense of human lives.

The devastating earthquake on Sept. 21, and the several aftershocks that followed the next day, claimed more than 2,100 lives; injured 8,100 and left tens of thousands of people homeless. The United Nations' reluctance to lend the Taiwanese people an immediate helping-hand was, understandably, a reaction in the wake of the looming confrontations between China and Taiwan. This was caused, in part, by the recent, bitter dispute of Taiwan's political status after Taiwan's president, Lee Teng-Hui, told a German radio interviewer on July 9 that Taiwan would, in the future, deal with China on a "special state-to-state" basis.

Ever since the announcement by Lee was made, China has launched a series of aggressions on Taiwan: it illegally seized a Taiwanese ship near the island of Matsu, sent jet fighters provocatively across the Taiwan Strait and hurled a continuous stream of threats and intimidation at Taiwan and its president. At the same time, China also test-fired a new

intercontinental ballistic missile, and threatened to invade Taiwan if they declare independence.

The Clinton administration's response to all this has been, for the most part, to berate Taiwan and make obsequious gestures to placate China by demanding a retraction from the Taiwanese government. Such action by the Clinton administration runs counter to their claim that the enlargement of democracy is the priority in the U.S. national-security strategy.

The Beijing-centered policy overall is very disappointing. Such gestures of appeasement will only leave Taiwan at the mercies of China's ruthless dictators, who are bent on maintaining their own power against all opposition (as was evidenced by the massive crackdown on the Falun Gong sect and the severe sentencing of pro-democracy activists in recent months).

Please urge the United Nations to acknowledge and

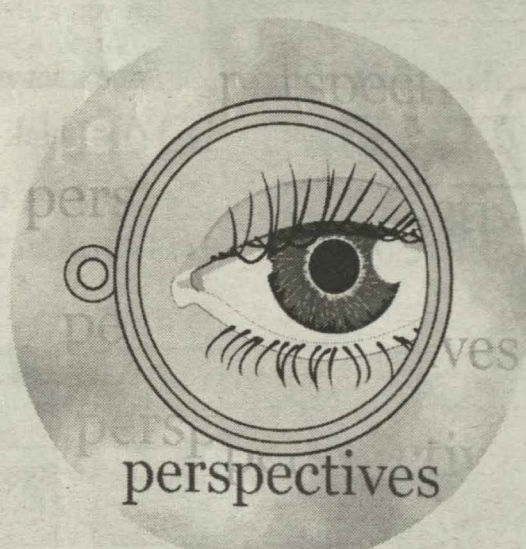
enforce, with regard to Taiwan, its legal principles of self-determination, and accept Taiwan as a full and equal member of the international community (Taiwan has been denied UN membership since 1971, when Beijing took the sole China seat). We urge you to support the quest of the Taiwanese people for equal international status, instead of relegating them to second-class citizenship in the family of nations.

Peace in East Asia can be secured only if China ends the civil war it fought against the KMT (Kuomintang) 50 years ago, a war that the Taiwanese are not part of, and refuse to be held hostage to. Perpetuating the "one-China myth" will only add to the instability in the region and strengthen China's repressive hand against a democratic Taiwan. While it is important to steer China towards the path of pluralism and democracy, it is equally important to draw a clear line across the Taiwan Strait and recognize that China and Taiwan are two separate and independent countries. After all, Taiwan has been a clearly defined territory, self-administered separately from Beijing, for a century.

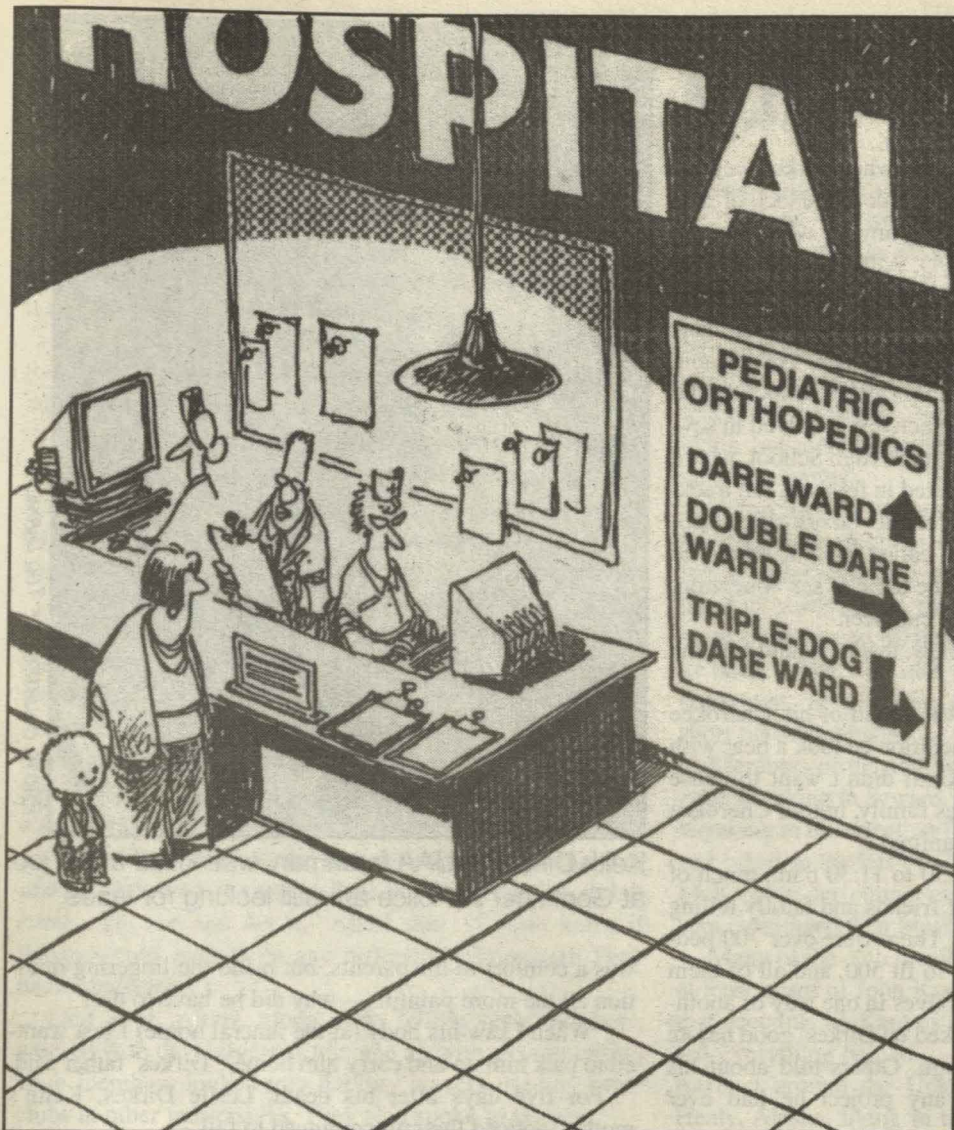
We firmly believe that all emerging democracies in the world will take inspiration from strong international support for Taiwan in this crisis. Any wavering or kowtowing to the Chinese in their exploitation of misfortune in asserting sovereignty over Taiwan at a time when the Taiwanese people are suffering the loss of so many lives will definitely send tremors of doubt and distrust throughout the world regarding self-determination and support for democratic systems.

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# Student killed in robbery

By Donovan Dildine  
Northern Light News Editor

In a church overflowing with people, mourners came to listen and participate in the testimonies of Keith Eugene Dirkes' life and the tragedy of his death.

Dirkes, 19 and a UAA freshman, was killed during a robbery at Godfather's Pizza on Sunday, Sept. 26.

Dirkes had worked at Godfather's Pizza for two years and was halfway through his management training. He was closing the E. Benson Godfather's by himself on Saturday. According to District Manager Roger Narula, the normal closing procedure is for two managers to close the store, but the other manager on duty that night had gone home sick at 8:30 p.m.

Narula discovered Dirkes' body the next morning. He said the checklist for the end of the night was completed, which indicates that the store was locked up. Though the Anchorage Police Department wouldn't give details on the condition of the crime scene, Dirkes' father, Ted, said his son had two gunshot wounds to the head, and that his body had been put into a walk-in freezer. Narula said money was found missing from the register trays in the back office.

Narula believes that Dirkes might have opened the door for someone he knew but Dirkes' father doesn't think so.

"He still wouldn't have opened the door," Ted Dirkes said. "He followed the rules."

He believes that it could have been a former employee with a key.

Nick Vanderveur, an APD detective and the investigating officer in the case, said he is looking at all possible scenarios. Vanderveur believes that someone may have been

beating on the front or back door, and when Dirkes went to investigate, a gun was pulled on him. Due to the lack of suspects and leads, Vanderveur is asking anyone who saw any suspicious activity to call the APD. APD has also put up posters at the nearby Eclipse nightclub to draw in leads.

Dirkes was a freshman at UAA, taking a basic freshman load of math, English, biology and German. He became interested in the foreign language class after a school trip he had taken to Germany. Dirkes was actively involved in several clubs and organizations at Chugiak High School, where he graduated in 1999. He participated in football, ran track, weight lifted and was a member of the varsity rifle team. He was also a part of a program called Rare-T, where he helped educate other students on the topic of sex education. His goal was to become a genetic engineer.

"He knew, not believed, but knew, that he would find the cure for AIDS," Dirkes said.

According to Dirkes, Keith was proud of his Cherokee heritage. While on a hunting expedition he took a bear with one shot. His father said that Keith didn't want to cause pain to the animal, and the Dirkes family, in true Cherokee tradition, used every part of the animal.

Dirkes' funeral lasted from 6:30 to 11:30 p.m., much of which was consumed by lines of friends and family telling anecdotes and stories about him. There were over 700 people crammed into a church built to fit 500, and all of them said that Keith had touched their lives in one way or another. Many of the attendants remarked on Dirkes' good nature and how he made everyone laugh. Others told about his seriousness and dedication to any project he had ever worked on.

Hearing the positive effect that Dirkes had on people

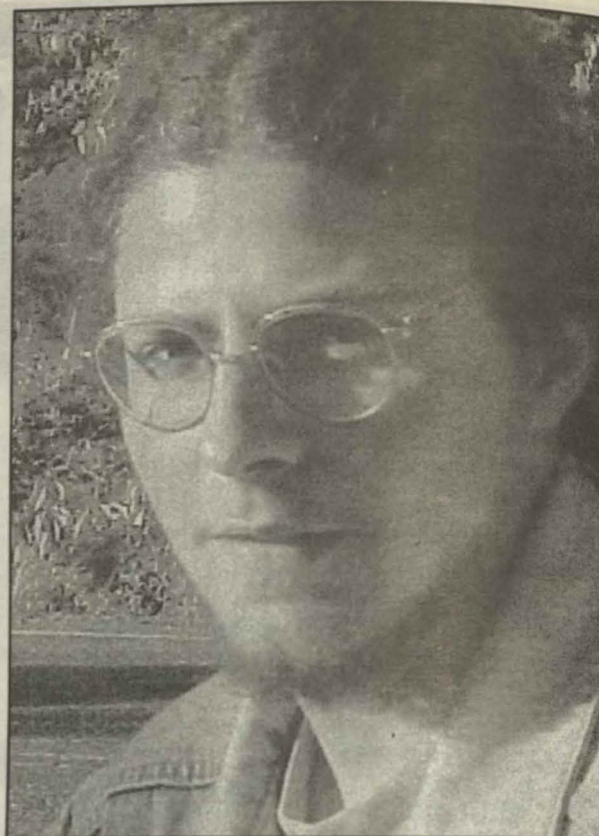


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Keith Dirkes, a UAA freshman, was killed at his job at Godfather's. Police are still looking for leads.

was a comfort to his parents, but made the lingering question all the more painful — why did he have to die?

"When I saw his body (at the funeral home) I just wanted to pick him up and carry him home," Dirkes' father said.

For five days after his death, Leslie Dirkes, Keith's mother, noticed the rain continued to fall.

"Someone told me that Heaven's crying for my boy."

## UAA student ends up living in car after dispute

By Gonzalo Medina  
Northern Light Reporter

Imagine sleeping in your car for weeks in the McDonald's parking lot, watching the cars collect in the drive through on weekend nights, and clearing your dashboard of cheeseburger wrappers on your way to class.

This is how Daniel Martin, a UAA student, has been living after an incident with his roommate on Sept. 14 got him thrown out of the Templewood dorms.

One of Martin's roommates, UAA student Robert Christe, accused Martin of threatening him with a knife and called UPD.

Upon arriving on scene, Sgt. Marcia Fischer and Officer Ron Swartz of the UPD conducted an investigation. Because there was a knife involved, Martin was arrested under the new Domestic Violence Laws. Under these laws, if there is probable cause of any violence, the officer must make an arrest. This law was recently created to curb the rise in domestic violence against women and children in the past years. In effect, a person living with another under the same roof can accuse them of domestic violence, and the person will likely be arrested.

"A person would not be able to own a fire arm, nor work for the government (if convicted)," said UPD Deputy Chief James Milne.

For Martin, who is completing the Aviation Program at UAA and hopes to someday fly commercial jets, his biggest fear is that all his hard work will be flushed down the drain

for something he claims he did not do.

According to Martin, and his other roommates, Matt Hanley and Eric Hodgkins, the trouble between Christe and Martin began with an alarm clock.

According to the roommates, Christe's alarm clock would go off at 7 a.m., when everyone was still in bed, and he would not be there to turn it off. This happened repeatedly, according to Martin, and at one point, he said he walked into Christe's room and took the clock. After a group meeting with the roommates, Christe was given the alarm clock back after he agreed to turn the ringer off when he wasn't going to be home.

Christe has since moved out of the dorms and could not be reached for comment on the case.

According to Martin, on Sept. 14 at 7 a.m. the clock rang again, and Christe was not home. This led to another group meeting. During the meeting Christe asked Martin to return his alarm clock. Martin said he did not to have it. He admits he was sharpening a knife at the time of the roommate meeting, which he said he was using to wilt a branch. Christe apparently felt threatened by Martin and called the UPD.

Because there was a knife involved, UPD had to take action and Martin was kicked out of Templewood until a decision could be made by the Interim Director of Residence Life, Bruce Schultz.

"That first night, I drove to the Native Hospital parking lot and slept in my car until the sun came up," Martin said.

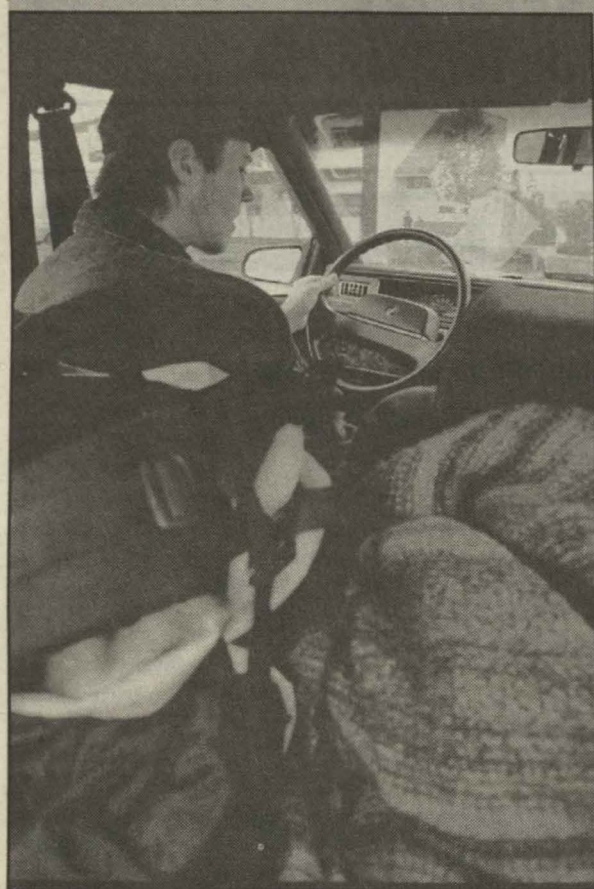


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Daniel Martin was forced to live in his car after being thrown out of the UAA dorms.

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# Outdoors Club gets off the ground

By Matthew Galloway  
Northern Light Reporter

For a group that likes to climb, the Outdoors Club found it a struggle just to get off the ground.

Started in Feb. of 1998, the Outdoors Club was created to give those students who wanted to experience the Alaska outdoors a way to meet others with similar interests.

According to club president Tyson Alteri, the club was set up to help people make connections to others that have a similar interest in the outdoors. Club members would have a way to get together with other members and go on trips and outings around Alaska.

But when the club attempted to advertise their outings around campus, they were told they could only publicize their on-campus meetings. From the very beginning the word "liability" hung over them.

After the Ptarmigan Peak accident, in which two students died and several others were injured in a class field trip while climbing, university officials have been wary of connecting UAA to outings with any possible danger.

"It was very much hinted that the school was being very cautious (after the Ptarmigan Peak accident) but they didn't come right out and say it," Alteri said. "I don't know if things would have been any different if Ptarmigan Peak hadn't happened."

Last year, Alteri, along with fellow club members, worked with the University to come up with a compromise. Club members looked into liability waivers used by other clubs at other universities. They also spoke to lawyers.

"It came around that we didn't have to do it," Alteri said.

This year, USUAA is helping them with their constitution. Alteri said this is to make sure that it is legally stated that the club isn't for educational purposes. They have also been furnished with the general waiver that all campus clubs use.

"It's been a while coming together, but it's all falling into place," said Jen Blackwell, secretary for the club.

The club was also given stipulations on advertising. The club can now advertise their official outings — with some limitations. Club members can travel only across flat water (Class 1) and they can't do ice or rock climbing.

However, more daring activities can be set up if an experienced guide is present.

"I think it's pretty fair," Alteri said. "We're not limited by what we can do."

The club cautions members that they are not an organization geared towards teaching in-depth outdoor skills, but more a place to try new adventures.

Alteri also points out that the club isn't all about seeking an adrenaline rush or the more extreme sports, though some members do participate in those. The club also has fishermen, people who like short hikes and bikers.

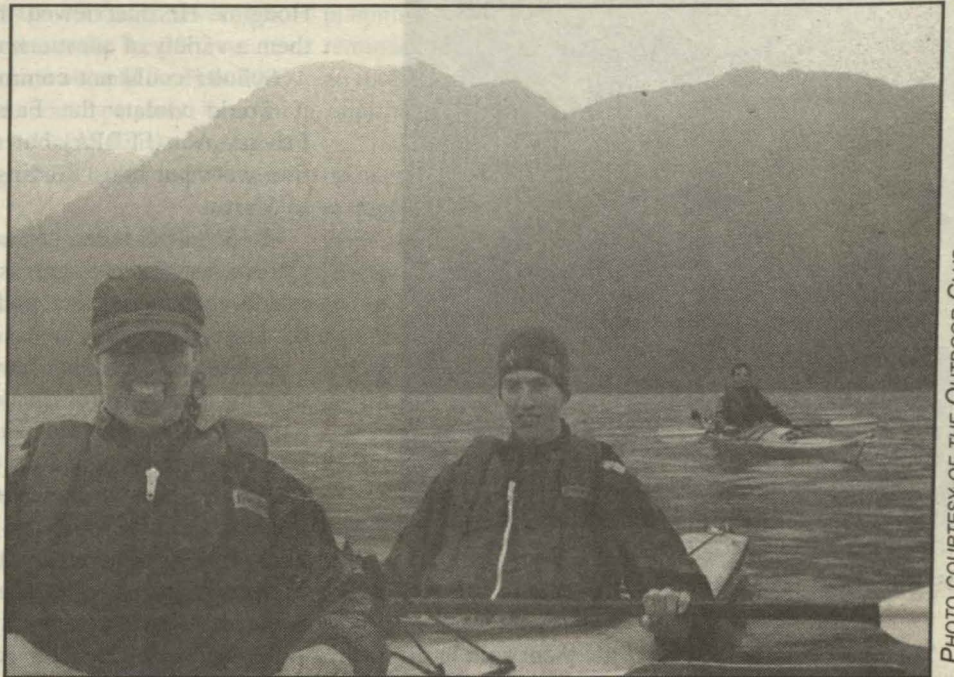
Members of the club have gone kayaking in Seward, sea kayaking in Resurrection Bay, and hiked to the bus of Chris McKanless, an outing members considered their biggest.

Many of the club members from out of state had read, or at least heard of John Krakauer's book, "End of the Wild," that accounts McKanless' life. McKanless was a man who left everything behind — life, his family, and his job. He traveled around the United States until he ended up at Healy, Alaska, living in the woods on what he could find there. It was there that he decided that he was ready to return home, but due to a tragic set of circumstances, he was trapped there, and died.

Many people in the club identify with his need to "live beyond the nine-to-five job." His bus still remains there, at the end of an eighteen-mile hike.

"We all wanted to do it, but we probably never would have done it if not for the club," said Zac Blair, vice president of the Outdoors Club. "It was a trip that the club was created for."

For the future, Outdoors Club members are looking into obtaining a discount card that could be used in various



Members of the Outdoors Club on a kayaking trip at Resurrection Bay in Seward. The members went on a two-day excursion.

sporting places around town, and to try and get equipment donated, so that club members will not have to pay huge fees in the purchase or rental of equipment. They have already received donations from Dana Designs, Wiggy's sleeping bags and Gortex shells and kayak gear from Patagonia. They hope to soon have a list of names, numbers and interests posted so that people can better meet others with similar interests.

"Anchorage is the corridor to the rest of the state," said Mike Bell, a club member from Minnesota.

Other forays still in the planning stage are visiting a Native village, Seward/Whittier whale watching, visiting an extinct Aleutian volcano and watching the Valdez extreme games. They'd also like to set up some people swaps with sister organizations at other universities around the country, so members will have a wider range of experience.

*The Outdoors Club meets on Thursday nights at 9 p.m., next to the Commons fireplace. Everyone is welcome to attend, and there is no membership fee. For more information, Tyson or Zac can be reached at 562-4710, or Jen at 561-7803.*



Members in front of the bus of Chris McKanless. Group members went up to see the place McKanless died.

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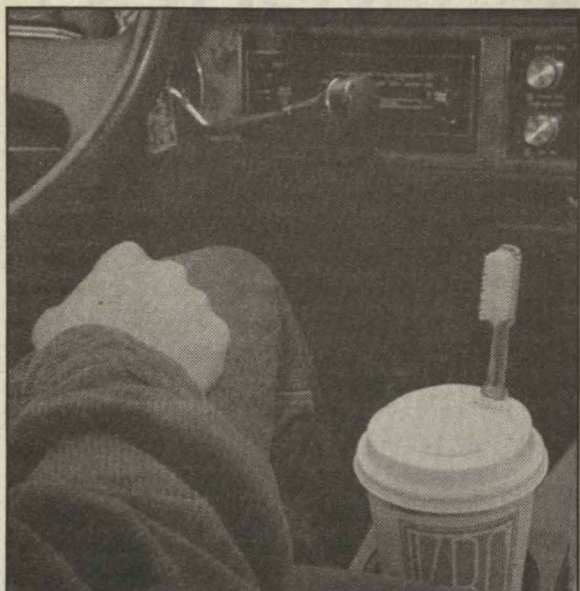


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Martin had to improvise as he lived out of his car for a few weeks.

"I took Pop Tarts with me. I ate them cold in the back seat."

Schultz, who in addition to being the interim director of Residence Life, is also the associate dean of students.

He ran an in-depth investigation into the matter, speaking to Christe, Martin and their roommates, Hanley and Hodgins. He interviewed them individually, and asked them a variety of questions concerning the incident.

Schultz could not comment on the incident because it would violate the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) but the results of the investigation were put in a "Findings Letter," which was given to Martin.

In Schultz's letter, he states that Martin, according to Christe, was "acting aggressive with the knife, stroking it in a threatening manner, and on one instance you pointed the knife at Robert, emphasizing your words."

Schultz also said that "several scratches and pry marks near the door latch (of Christe's room) are indicative of it having been broken into" and that Martin didn't just walk into Christe's room and get the clock.

He also cites an incident Martin was involved in six months ago, in which he was being "disruptive and harassing" toward other students and university staff. Martin was put on probation, asked to write apology letters and assigned community service for the incident.

Martin and Christe's roommates don't agree with Schultz's findings, and do not think that Martin was a threat. Both said they felt Schultz's report didn't accurately reflect their versions of what happened.

"He (Schultz) appeared to have his mind made up when I got there (to the interview)," Hanley said. "I told him Dan was sleeping in his car and needed to get back home, that Dan wouldn't hurt anyone."

Schultz found Martin in violation of eight provisions of the Student Code of Conduct including theft of property, harassment, endangerment, disruptive or obstructive actions and misuse of a weapon.

Schultz also concluded in his findings that Martin probably put Christe's life in danger, and that he acted in a "belittling and intimidating" manner toward Christe.

Hanley doesn't believe anyone meant for this incident to get out of hand the way it did. He said they had group meetings to discuss the alarm clock and that they talked things over with their resident advisor.

Christe did get a restraining order on Martin, but failed to appear in court Saturday, Oct. 2. As a result the restraining order was automatically nullified.

Martin was sanctioned to pay for Christe's alarm clock, and put on probation. His housing was terminated with out refund and he has restricted access to UAA residential facilities. He can have no contact with Christe at all.

Since Schultz's decision, Martin continues to attend school. He has also found a place to live temporarily. He plans to appeal the decision, and hopes he will be granted a refund.

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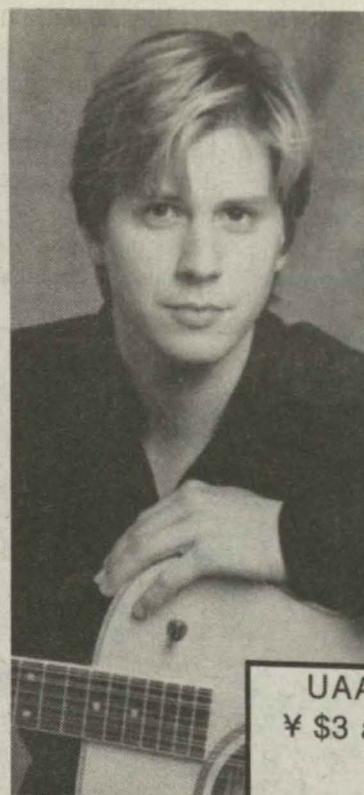
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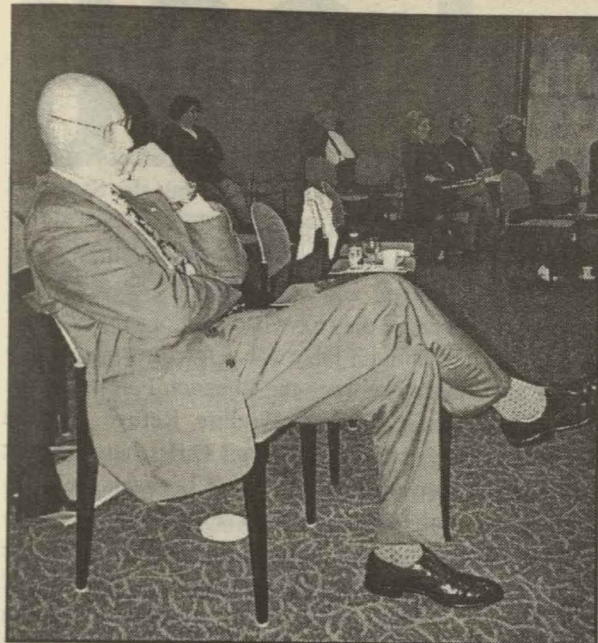


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# Board of Regents Meets at UAA

Committee meetings on Friday featured discussion of a number of items of interest to UAA. The regents were presented with proposed tuition increases for the 2002 academic year, which they deferred action on until the Feb. 2000 meeting. Tuition is slated to rise about 3 percent a year, for the next two years under the plan. Upper division credits at UAA, for example, will increase by \$3, to \$87 in 2001, and to \$90 in 2002.

Stacey Banks, student body president at UAF, addressed the board on tuition rates. While he acknowledged that nobody likes to pay more, he accepted the need for the changes.

"Tuition increases for inflation are necessary. If there is no increase, the money must come from somewhere else in the university budget. Tuition here at the University of Alaska is still pretty reasonable," he said after the meeting.

The increases will go into effect automatically if no action is taken at the Feb. 2000 meeting.

A report on campus energy-conservation noted that UAA saved about \$200,000 this year on electricity over the 1998 fiscal year. A plan to hire a contractor to find further energy-saving measures will be presented to the board at their November meeting.

An overview of summer programs included a discussion of starting a summer debate program for high school students on the UAA campus, taking advantage of the nationally recognized UAA debate team to draw interest from around the state.

Josh Horst, a UAS student who represents University of Alaska students as a full voting member of the

Board, emphasized that students need to be included in planning and organizing summer programs. He also reminded the Academic and Student Affairs Committee that an emphasis should be placed on recruiting students for employment in these programs.

The report on the second year of a statewide employee opinion survey (not including faculty) showed solid gains in confidence in system and campus direction, and smaller gains in overall job satisfaction. In 1998, slightly over 30 percent of those surveyed were either neutral or positive about the direction the university system was headed. That number has climbed to 68 percent in 1999. At UAA, 66 percent of the 126 respondents were "satisfied" or "very satisfied" with their job.

An area of concern to Janet Jacobs, Executive Director for Human Resources for the UA system, is salary competition with employers outside the university. "We're losing market position and competitiveness in some areas; in some areas we're all right," she told the committee. Only 35 percent of UAA employees said their salary package was "good" or "very good."

By Robert Pearson

Northern Light Reporter

The University of Alaska Board of Regents discussed tuition increases, summer programs and a survey of employee satisfaction at their meeting in the University Commons on Thursday, Sept. 30 and Friday, Oct. 1.

The Regents are the governing board for the University of Alaska system, and decide matters like the hiring of university officials, systemwide policies, goals and tuition rates.

The group spent much of Thursday afternoon touring the UAA campus. That night they attended a "Connections to the Community" reception at Merrill Field with government and business leaders from Anchorage and around the state.



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## USUAA Assembly Heats Up Over Constitutional Amendment

By Robert Pearson

Northern Light Reporter

The USUAA Assembly meeting on Friday, Oct. 1 featured the swearing in of four new senators and a new Media Board member, plus a heated debate on a proposed constitutional amendment.

With student leaders from other UA campuses, including the student body presidents of UAS and UAF, looking on, the Assembly took up the second reading of Assembly Referendum 00-01. It would amend the USUAA constitution by deleting the requirement that Club Council bylaws be subject to approval by a two-thirds majority-vote of the Assembly.

Ben Roberts spoke against the measure, saying that Assembly oversight of Club Council was an important principle in the balance of power between the various organizations of USUAA.

Michael Queen responded, emphatically telling the Assembly that students would be voting on whether they wanted the measure, and that the decision on Friday should be to allow them that chance.

Roberts said that it was up to the Assembly to use their own judgement, and "If you don't support it, vote 'no'." He also suggested that Garrett Gilmore, chair of Club Council, abstain from the vote, because of a possible conflict of interest.

Scott Kohlhaas thought that the controversy might be a good thing, helping increase turnout for the Fall elections. A new ad-hoc committee, the Twenty Percent Turnout (TPT), has been formed to increase election participation, according to Kohlhaas.

When the question was called, the measure passed 7 to 2, with Kathryn Clark abstaining and Roberts and Odis Carmon voting "no." Roberts moved to strike Gilmore's "yes" vote, due to the conflict of interest. In the ensuing discussion, Michael Queen became heated in his comments, and was halted by Speaker Ilona Demenina. Gilmore's vote was allowed to stand.

The amendment will be voted on at the Fall elections, which are expected to be held in late November or early December.

Assembly Bill 00-06, to appropriate \$600 to the Legislative Affairs Committee to "[allow] for Legislative Affairs Committee and other Student Leaders to take two road trips for the purpose of developing relationships with legislators and Board of Regents," went through its first reading.

Other Assembly actions included the approval and swearing in of new Senators Maciej Maselko, Graham Siebe, Sherry Thompson and Elisabeth Yount. Nathan Shaefer was named to the Media Board.

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# U.S. Forest Service asks for public input

By Jessica Blackledge  
Northern Light Reporter

The Chugach National Forest Planning Team is asking for public involvement in the making a list of alternatives for how the Chugach will be managed.

This is the first time in the history of the management that the team has asked for the public's opinion, according to Alan Vandiver and Gary Lehnhausen from the U.S. Forest Service.

Vandiver and Lehnhausen gave a presentation on the "Emerging Alternatives for the Chugach Forest Plan" as part of the UAA - APU Environmental Studies Fall Seminar Series, last Wednesday in the UAA Commons.

In April of 1997, the U.S. Forest Service began its periodical updating of management for the Chugach National Forest.

Every ten to fifteen years the management of the Chugach Forest undergoes some revision. Certain factors, like spruce-beetle kills or a change in public interest, calls for the current plan to be brought up for revision again.

That same April, the Chugach National Forest Planning Team, consisting of seventeen members, decided to do something different, something almost unheard of — they

asked for public input. They asked people from Valdez to Anchorage what their interests in the Chugach were. They received over three thousand responses, ranging from "I want the air quality maintained" to "I want to be able to pan for gold."

"We didn't quite expect that much of a response from people, and it's a little overwhelming, but we're glad," said Gary Lehnhausen, head of the planning team.

After collecting all of the responses, the team then broke down the comments into specific interest groups, such as management of fish and wildlife habitat, scenic-quality and natural-resource products.

From the three thousand comments, they were able to come up with twenty-five interest groups. From there, they took the interest groups to town meetings in Anchorage, Hope and other surrounding towns and asked each person to come up with an alternative plan for the management of the forest. Seventy people in Anchorage showed up for the meeting, while 60 people in Hope showed.

According to Vandiver, the planning team's operations expert, in Hope there was a lot of tension between the townspeople because of differing interests. Some wanted more wilderness designation and some wanted more land area to snowmobile on.

Yet, despite their differing opinions, in the end the people of Hope came together to work out their alternatives.

Now the Planning Team has 32 alternatives that they must narrow down by Oct. 15, 1999. Right now they are trying to find a way to clump the alternatives together, so that, for the final plan, they are taking a little from every suggestion and not just picking one. They are looking for what could be one of the biggest compromises between interests ranging from mining, to recreation, to wilderness.

"We're trying to find a balance of everybody's needs in the Chugach," Vandiver said.

After narrowing down the alternatives, the planning team hopes to be able to bring a preferred plan to the Regional Director, Dave Gibbons, who will then make a final decision on the future of the Chugach National Forest in Jan. of 2000.

Vandiver said that, so far, the National Park Service has given no input as to what they would like to see happen in the Chugach, but the Native Corporation of the immediate area has had quite a bit of input and involvement.

"We've shown the Parks service and the refuge areas our alternative maps, but they haven't shown any interest in being

involved in the planning process at all," Alan says almost sadly, "but the State and the Native Corporation, though wary at first because of lack of funds, finally got involved and we are very grateful for it, because they have had a lot of suggestions."

Though there are a few cross-boundary issues between the Chugach Forest and the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge and the Kenai Fjords National Park, there has not been much involvement between the planning teams. This is a result of lack of interest on the part of the refuge and the National Park Service.

When asked what he would like seen done with the Chugach National Forest Vandiver said, "With all the alternatives that we have so far, there are so many good ideas, that I want to wait and see what the final analysis is. Then I'll make a decision as to what I personally think," he said.

For more information, Alan Vandiver and Gary Lehnhausen can be reached at (907) 271-2773.

The Environmental Studies Fall Seminar Series will continue until Dec. 1, with local environmental professionals speaking on every Wednesday. The seminar is free for all who wish to attend. Call 786-1753 for more information.

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## Campus scanner

The University Police Report for Sept. 23-25. The Campus Scanner does not represent all calls received by the University Police Department.

### Sept. 23

12:23 a.m. — A UAA instructor reported that a bag of sold ceramic pottery was thrown away by a janitor. The pottery was thrown into the dumpster, which was later emptied. The value of the sold pottery was \$6,700 and the artist was notified of the loss.

### Sept. 24

2:12 a.m. — UPD reported on a call from the Mac resident advisor claiming that four Hispanic males had walked into a resident's room and demanded he take down a confederate flag from his wall.

UPD responded and found a vehicle with five people — four of whom matched the above description. Although it was determined

that the four weren't involved, the driver was arrested for not having a valid operator's license and cited for minor consumption of alcohol. Another passenger in the car was cited for minor consumption.

4:08 p.m. — UPD responded to a report from a UAA faculty member that there was an odor of marijuana in a classroom. The classroom was located in Building K. The case is still under investigation.

### Sept. 25

1:10 a.m. — While on patrol a UPD official noticed four individuals that appeared to have been in a fight. Instead it was discovered that they were four minors consuming alcohol. They were cited by UPD.

11:52 p.m. — A patient of Southcentral Counseling Center Care, who was heavily medicated, was assisted by UPD back to SCCC, and then home.



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## HACKERS PLUNDER THE NET SEA

By Jared Chandler

Special to The Northern Light

There is a dark side of the Internet: Software piracy has grown enormously since the majority of businesses and educational institutions have gained net access. Several types of technology have enabled the creation of what is quite literally a global network of pirated material.

No longer is piracy confined to the latest hot game; digital data is being pirated from a variety of platforms and formats. It may be a proprietary piece of graphics software, or it may be portions of a major motion picture. Whatever the content being pirated, the workings and organization of piracy is something the media has left in the dark.

The technologies responsible, and most widely used, for piracy are the Ethernet connection, the home-computer-turned-server and the CD-burner.

Ethernet is the most common type of network in use today. It can be easily identified by the wide phone-plug connectors, called RJ-45 connectors, on the ends of the cables. Most of the UAA campus is wired for Ethernet, including the new student residence halls, North, East and West.

Most programs being pirated are anywhere from 10 to 100 megabytes in size. Transferring that much data over a 56k modem can take several hours, if

not days. Ethernet offers enough speed and bandwidth to move large amounts of data very quickly. By using an Ethernet connection with the Internet, pirates are able to move large files around the planet with amazing speed.

Handling the transfer of data are personal computers similar to the ones you use in the computer labs. While large companies may have rooms of equipment dedicated to their Web server and business computer systems; most pirates rely on off-the-shelf technology that anyone can buy.

The crucial difference between piracy on the Internet and legitimate use is the manner in which it takes place. The majority of piracy does not take place anywhere near the World Wide Web or large-server computers. Specialized client and server programs, such as Hotline, use the same protocol as all other Internet communications, but are inaccessible with Web browsers or file transfer protocol (FTP) programs.

For example, when the Hotline client is started, it contacts the pirate version of the Yellow Pages, called a Tracker. Hotline then finds the Internet addresses of servers on-line at that moment along with a short description of what each server has to offer. The user can then connect to whichever server

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## Can the spam

By Rodika Tollefson

Northern Light Reporter

It's annoying. It's intrusive. It's a pain in the butt. Those are just some of the comments about spam e-mail. On the other side of the wire, however, marketers are thriving on the new opportunities brought on by cyberspace. While before it took laborious hours to compile consumer mailing lists, it now takes a couple of button clicks, and voila!

If you were upset two weeks ago by a couple of spam messages that lurked into your UAA e-mail account, you were not alone. About 30,000 employees, faculty and students received the same messages, according to Jim Snyder, manager of UAA Infrastructure Services. Another 10,000 messages were intercepted by the department before reaching the users.

"We tolerate them as best as we can," Snyder said, "but we don't like them because it takes up disc space on the computer system until each user downloads the message."

UAA student Lori Johnston was annoyed by the letter sent by a Tom Preston, who tried to lure her into making some money. "I made enough money to pay for school this fall," Preston wrote in a friendly personal manner. Should Lori e-mail a reply to a specific address, Preston would get a watch, the message said, and should she stay for a while, he

would receive a referral fee. It also said she would make money by referring others.

"Last spring, I asked a student government representative why they couldn't e-mail everyone and tell us when things are going on," Johnston said. "They said they were not allowed; it would overload the system. But if someone can send me commercial e-mails unsolicited, why can't we get e-mails notifying students of elections, rallies etc.?"

USUAA Speaker Ilona Demenina said that they talked with CTS about sending a message about elections, and they said it would overload the system and that it wasn't worth it.

Unfortunately, there is no direct way to filter junk e-mail off the server beforehand, Snyder said. But once a bulk mailing is discovered, the offending sites and addresses are blocked from further access, in-going and out-going. These messages do feed on the server, slowing down access to the Internet and blocking traffic that goes out.

While most commercial solicitations are harmless, stealing e-mail addresses doesn't bring warm responses from consumers. Preston claimed he bought the UAA addresses from a marketing firm called E-Market. A representative from the firm who would only give her first name, Nicole, said e-mail sales was not the scope of their company. She

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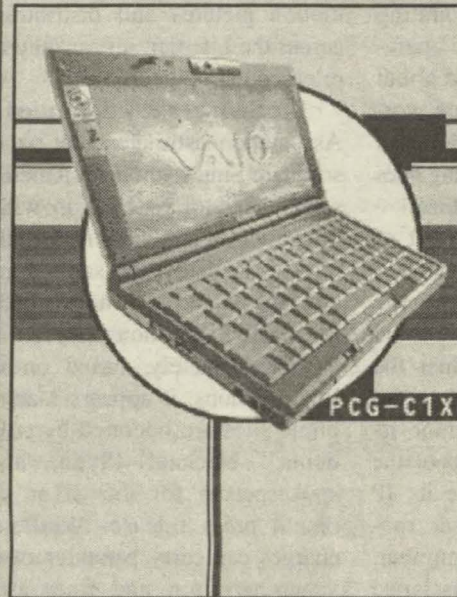
### Web site of the week

#### Java Boutique

This site is mostly for the Web designer, but you don't have to be a professional. Java Boutique has hundreds of great Java code and classes free for the taking. Each Java applet presented on their site comes with simple instructions and usually a good amount of customization. If you want those special effects or neat little games on your home or department page, this is the place to go.

### Gadget of the week

#### Sony Vaio C1 PictureBook



This thing is straight out of a James Bond movie. Sure there have been tiny computers before, but nothing quite like this. The C1 caught my eye at the IT Expo last week. What surprised me was not its size, but its quality. The active-matrix screen was extremely sharp; it has a comfortable 4 GB hard drive, a 56K modem and even a USB port. Its special feature is its swivel camera, mounted on the top of the screen. I played with this, and the quality of the frames per second was incredible. The clincher is, of course, the

price, which like everything miniaturized, is expensive - anywhere from \$1,800 to \$2,100.

### Future events

The Alaska Apple Users Group meet the second Wednesday of each month in the ARCO building; downtown at seventh and G St. at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

If you would like to have your technology-based event promoted, call me at 786-1313, or fax to 786-1331. Please give the name, time, place and overall purpose.

### Fatal errors

Like a bad sequel, the Melissa virus seems to be back, but with a whole new look. The VBS.freelink virus is self-propagating, like Melissa, and is supposed to have the same subject and list of pornographic sites. The brain behind the destruction is a Visual Basic script. Avoid messages with attachments that have the subject "Check This" and always run a virus checker on an attachment anyway.

The Internet isn't as metaphysical as people think. In fact, its quite physical, as an Ohio gas company discovered. The company cut through a major fiber cable with a backhoe. The cut line caused traffic from the East coast to West to slow down by 20 to 50 times. It also forced some companies to shut down. The line had a 40-gigabit capacity.



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they please.

There is no guarantee that the server they connect to will allow them access. Many pirate servers limit the number of users as well as their access to keep them from overloading their connection to the Internet. Many servers request that users upload pirated software before they are given any access at all, forcing the user to cast the first stone, as it were. Another common practice for the owner of a server is to create a Web page full of advertising banners. If you want into the server, then you have click on the banners in order to gain a login ID and password. The owners of the Web page can receive an average of 10 cents per "hit" on the banner, which helps pay for their pirating equipment. It may appear that the operators of pirate servers are worried about being discovered. In fact, most are worried about being overwhelmed by users who do nothing but leech — taking files without uploading anything in return.

The decentralized nation of most of the pirate network arises from the use of the Tracker. It lists only active servers. When a server is turned off, there is no record of its location. Only when the machine is active and connected to the network, is it possible to determine its location. Depending on the setup of the network, the server may receive its IP address dynamically, assigned at random, or as a static (unchanging) number. On a network with dynamically assigned addresses, the IP address that was assigned to a pirate server one day may be reassigned to a network laser-printer the next. This presents a considerable obstacle for the FBI and other law enforcement agencies attempting to put a stop to software piracy.

After gaining access to pirate software, the problem of storing and trans-

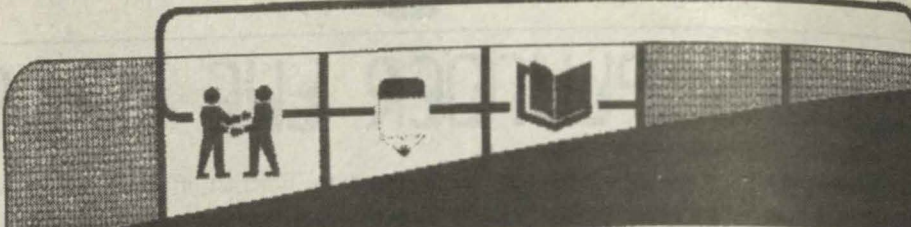
ferring software again arises. Prior to the ZIP drive and the recordable CD, most pirated software was stored in segments on 1.44 megabyte floppy-disks. Today, most pirates archive the software they transfer onto CDs, rather than keep it on a hard drive.

The advent of the MP3 audio format has shifted some piracy from software into digital bootlegs of popular music. CD-based game systems are also susceptible to the effects of piracy. An inexpensive chip can be installed in any Sony Playstation, enabling it to play pirated games burned onto a CD with a home computer. On the horizon is a new generation of media piracy taking full-length motion pictures and distributing them across the Internet, just as they are being released into theaters.

The Software & Information Industry Association estimates that as of 1998, software piracy in North America represented a loss of \$2.9 billion, with one out of every four applications installed being pirated. Globally, the same organization believes pirated software costs the industry nearly \$11 billion per year.

"Unfortunately, based on our own investigations, it appears many Internet pirate sites are operated by college students," Michael Flynn, anti-piracy spokesperson for the SIIA, said in a recent press release. While Criminal charges can carry penalties of up to 10 years in prison and fines as high as \$250,000, civil lawsuits against pirates can carry penalties into the millions of dollars.

"In short, it is time for software pirates to close down their Web sites and end their illegal practices. Otherwise, they can look forward to wearing a set of handcuffs and carrying a lighter wallet," Flynn said in the SIIA release.



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refused to make any comments, referring the call to a hosting company, like AOL.

The government has heard complaints from users ever since the marketers caught on. Fifteen states have introduced anti-spam bills. Only Virginia, however, passed a bill which will allow law enforcement, Internet providers and individuals the authority to strike back at unsolicited e-mail senders and sellers of spam software.

Federal lawmakers have also tried to find solutions to the issue, but so far the bills have either died or gotten hung up in committees. Among them, the Inbox Privacy Act was introduced by Alaska Sen. Frank Murkowski, in March of 1999. The bill requires e-mail marketers to identify themselves, honor removal requests and allow domain owners the ability to block unwanted solicitations. It also gives Internet service providers, state attorney generals and the Federal Trade Commission the authority to seek up to \$50,000 per day in damages. The bill is currently in the committee of commerce.

According to Snyder, with the proper software it would be easy to send spam. Once you have a list, the computer will do the rest. The real problem comes when it is a malicious attempt, called a denial-of-service-attack, that is created with the purpose of disabling a server. E-mail users were threatened by such an attack this summer, the Melissa virus, when a message that replicated itself automatically bogged down systems at major companies.

So, until Congress succeeds in its efforts to can the spam, the users are left with click-

ing the delete button. Or they can invest in filtering software that can be downloaded on to individual computers.

### Wanna can the spam? Try these Web sites for tips and information:

<http://www.junkbusters.com/ht/en/junkemail.html>

Junkbusters offers dos and don'ts for spam, including detailed explanations of those suggestions.

<http://www.zdnet.com/swlib/roundups/spam/rnp0897.html>

ZDNet offers some shareware-filtering software (some links are outdated, but most are OK).

<http://www3.shore.net/~gmcgath/selfdefense.html>

An interesting and thorough list about fighting spam, including links to a site that will track the identity of a fake domain name.

<http://www.junkbusters.com/ht/en/links.html#filter>

A list of other anti-spam software.



# Displaying discards

By Jackye Stephens  
Northern Light Reviewer

Imagine tortured images of animals placed on an altar to some sort of sick and twisted god. The kind of art from your nightmares has made its way to UAA. Images of preserved fish heads, bandaged and wrapped up come to life from some "Tool" or "Nine Inch Nails" video in Joyce Blunk's art show, "Spatial Poetics," which is currently on display at the Kimura Gallery.

Blunk bases her work on the "relentless state of deterioration and change." "Most of the box constructions I have selected for this exhibit feature trophies, those display objects that symbolize personal superiority, prowess or victory," said Blunk in an artist's statement.

Blunk, who resides in Asheville, North Carolina, takes ordinary discards and organic matter and arranges them in unexpected ways. What would otherwise be considered junk to the average person is an artistic display of Blunk's contrasting reality between the natural and the manmade.

"A theme repeated throughout my work is the abstract enshrining of objects that symbolize poignant human preoccupations and vivid life issues," Blunk wrote. "Natural or manmade items are arranged in ways that experiment with space and exploit the symbolic meaning of the objects and their presentation."

Blunk writes that she begins with an object that interests her and, after working out ideas through sketches, she build a box to transform the object and "expand its symbolism."

Blunk's assemblages hint at influences of ancient and Gothic qualities. Mark Richard Leach, curator of contemporary art at the Mint Museum of Art in Charlotte, North Carolina, wrote of one of Blunk's previous shows that her visit to Europe influenced her work greatly.

"Notions of ritual, ephemerality, reverence, death and rebirth permeate this sacred space (presented in her works)," Leach wrote.

He said that Blunk's pieces bring the viewer in closer proximity to death, "both physical and emotional," and uses her art to "bridge gaps between concepts of the abstract and the real."

Blunk transforms the commonplace into the poetic with her usage of everyday items. She combines items such as wood, metal, paint, cloth, fish bones and modeling paste to create images of something that at one time could of been a cute, baby farm-animal.

The timing of her show should bring some fresh ideas for Halloween.

Blunk's work will be on display at the Kimura Gallery, in the UAA Arts Building, from Oct. 6 to 22.



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One of Blunk's pieces currently on display at the Kimura Gallery. Blunk uses commonly discarded objects to create her work.

# Control Yourself

By Jennifer A. Miller-Mullins  
Special to The Northern Light

Imagine you are seated in a large, black leather recliner. The cushions envelop your body as you sink into the chair. Alexander London, of the Healthy People Center, straps a white, Velcro strip around the wrist and middle finger, and straps a temperature sensor to another finger.

"Relax," he says as he sits down to his computer.

You make a conscious effort to relax while you watch colored lines jump up and down on the computer screen. After a while, London continues, "I want you to count backward from 60 to 50."

You count slowly, uncomfortable and struggling to remember the numbers backward.

"60 ... 59 ... 58 ..." you count.

"Faster, faster, faster!" London urges.

You work harder to get the numbers out as fast as you can. Meanwhile, the sensors report your stress level on the computer screen.

You have just experienced a biofeedback consultation.

The word biofeedback is Greek in origin — 'bio' meaning "life" and 'feed-back' meaning "to return information to its origins." Biofeedback means that information sent out from points in the body is returned to the source, allowing control of the information process. The primary function of biofeedback is to teach a person to relax. The process of biofeedback has been compared to the Yogi's meditation. The relaxation process is similar. However, biofeedback can accomplish the effects of mediation in a few weeks, whereas meditation can take up to 20 years to reach the same level of effect.

"The principle of biofeedback is to give a person an idea about a body state that they are usually unaware of," said Bob Madigan, a professor in the UAA psychology department.

Biofeedback research began in the 1930s with the examination of relationships between emotional states and psychological states. Researchers hypothesized that a person's psychological beliefs and physical thoughts affected the status of the body they were supporting.

According to Jeannette Lawson, a biofeedback specialist with Bear Physical Therapy, biofeedback is like "looking in a mirror or standing on a scale."

"If you don't like what you see, then you do something to change it," Lawson said.

In the 1960s, biofeedback was used as a

treatment for stress management. The Biofeedback Society of America was formed in 1968, and has since tried to improve and increase the use and knowledge of biofeedback.

Research continues to improve the effects and understanding of the biofeedback process. Meanwhile, it is becoming a treatment used in the practices of psychology, psychiatry and physical rehabilitation.

Biofeedback has treated such common ailments as migraine headaches, back pain conditions, stress, anxiety, stuttering, asthma and hyperactivity. This treatment has also been used for Attention Deficit Disorder in younger children, and even frostbite.

Though biofeedback has become a commonly used form of psychotherapy in the Lower 48, it is slow to be accepted in Alaska.

"There are only three certified (consultants) in the state," explains Lawson. "Insurance still thinks of it as a voodoo."

Biofeedback treatments are sessions that train the patient to change a behavior. The com-

puters used in the sessions are capable of reading body temperature, blood pressure and muscle tensions. Lawson uses equipment such as Surface EMG and Thermal EMG to elicit such readings. These computers can report restricted blood flow, or various skin conditions.

Once the biofeedback specialist has determined the result of the computer readings, a treatment is decided. The consultant may decide to treat with medication, or may find that biofeedback sessions will be sufficient alone. When the patient has learned the behavior that causes the ailment, and how to correct it, he or she may continue to use the treatment on their own without further sessions.

Students of the UAA psychology department encounter biofeedback studies in several of their classes. One in particular, taught by Professor Bruno Kappes, of the UAA psychology department, is "Stress Management." Students of this class have the opportunity to actually experience biofeedback for themselves.

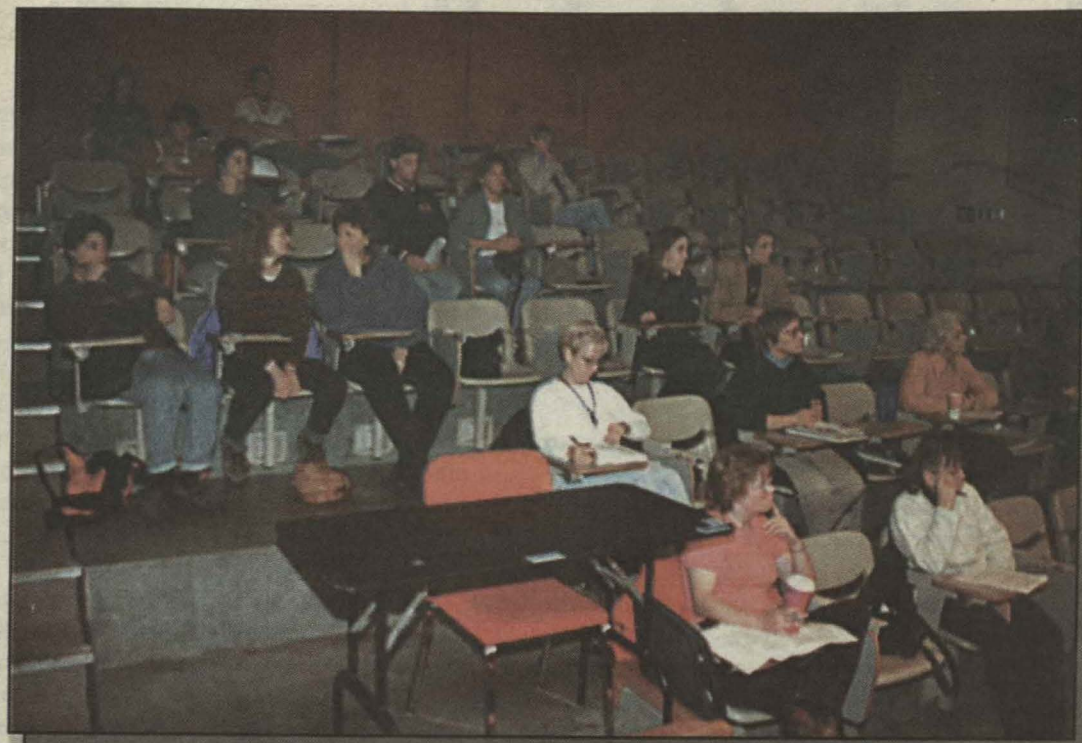
Though Madigan said there a small number of real successes with biofeedback, researchers continue to discover more about it.

Ultimately, the results of biofeedback depend on the individual's motivation to get better.

For more information, you can visit the Healthy People Center at 3650 Lake Otis Parkway Suite 100, or call 563-1444. You may also research information on the Internet at <http://www.users.cts.com/crash/d/deo-hair/psychoph.html>.

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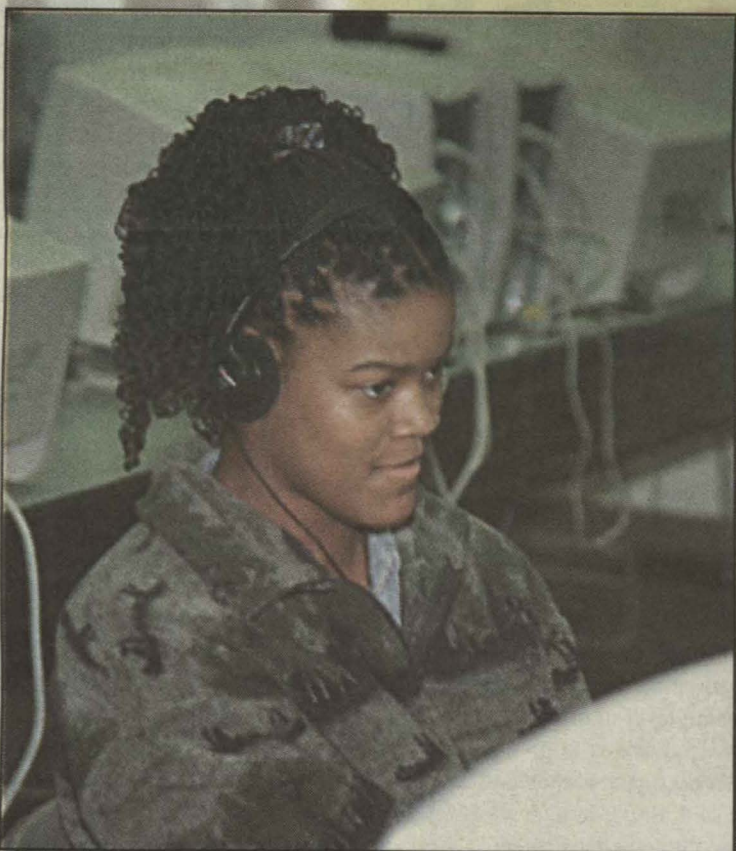
UAA Expo visitors listening to a lecture on "How to Present to an Art Gallery" given by Julie Decker-Morris, co-owner of Decker-Morris Gallery.

# UAA EXPO '99

By Stephanie Tripp, Northern Light Features Editor; Photos by Rex Weimer

Ever wondered what we're learning here at UAA? That question might've been answered last weekend at UAA Expo 99'.

Throughout the campus were the presentations of knowledge and the exhibits of insights which are based at our university.



Benite Hannah, UAA student, taking the psychology test where some participants got a chance to win \$50 and extra credit in classes.

**Sexual attraction:** Alan Reiman, a senior psychology student, set up a test that measures your true sexual attraction, that is, with no biases. He measured reaction times to sights and sounds and then compared those with what the participant actually said was attractive.

What humans say they are attracted to and what they are innately attracted to can be different because of social tendencies of what is considered attractive, according to Reiman.

Last year a similar psychology test was given that tested personality types, and about 300 people came to test. This year, on the first day there were expected to be about 200 people run through to take the attraction test.

This exhibit was in the Business Education Building on the second floor.



Mark Fitz, UAA student, participating in the atlatl throwing contest.

**Atlatl Throwing:** This one was fun. The art department made a target of hay, tarp and paint that looked like a mammoth. Kerry Feldman, UAA anthropology professor and Richard VanderHoek, an archaeologist, helped people put the spear in hand and guided them as they threw at the mammoth.

"It's an interesting aspect of pre-history," said VanderHoek. "This was used before the bow and arrow."

This sport took place outside the Campus Center, in the loading area.

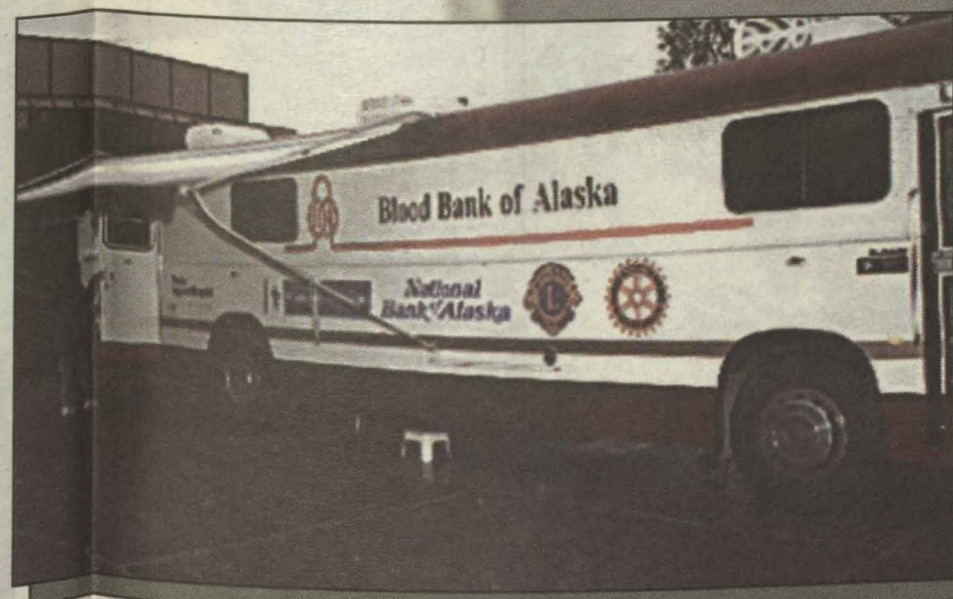
## Also:

**Blaine's art:** These guys were here in full force. They had demos, art medium supplies, and the co-owner of Blaine's said they called out a lot of their customers to the Expo because of the art workshops.

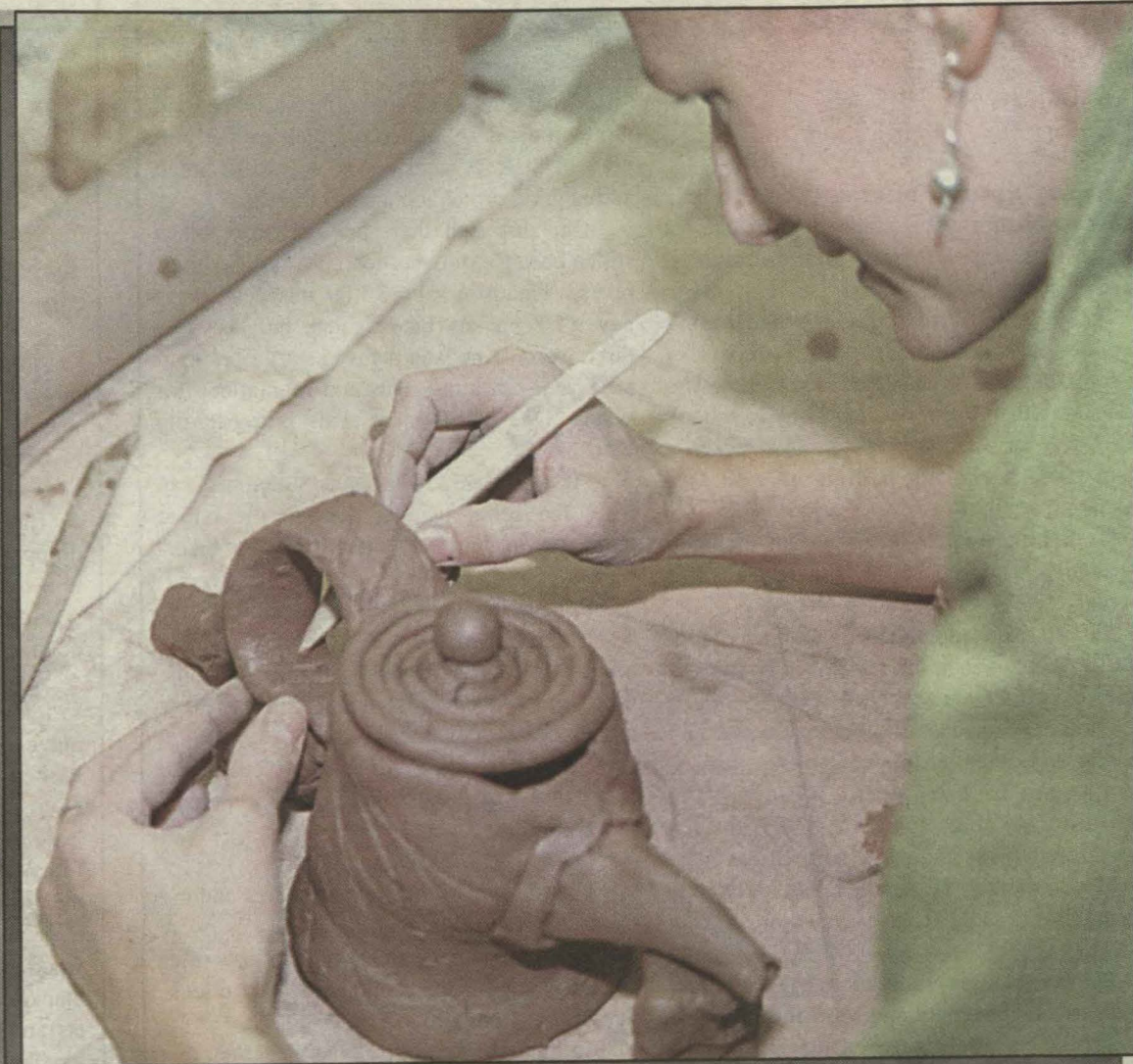
**Monotype printmaking:** Lorna Jolliffe, a fine arts student, waited for the group of high-schoolers that she was expecting. The kids were going to spend about an hour learning how to make a monotype print, like the one she had of her own.

She was also waiting for anyone who wanted to learn.

**Blood drive:** Alaska Blood Bank had their lifemobile in front of the campus Bookstore. Anyone could give blood and get free snacks.

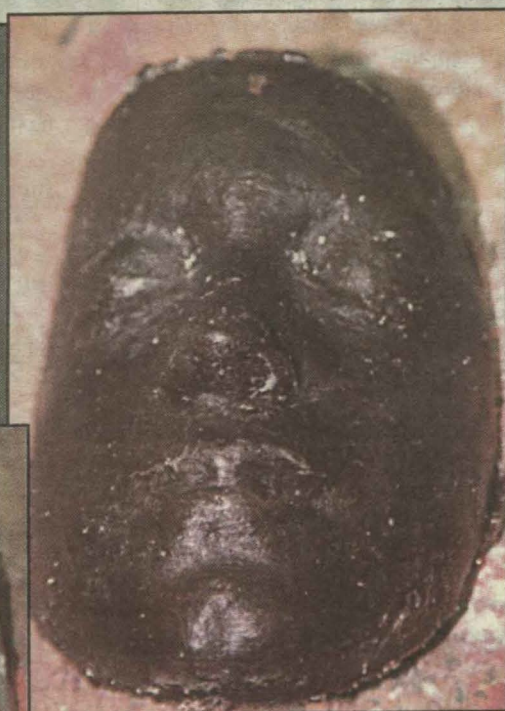


Blood Bank of Alaska's Lifemobile in front of the campus bookstore, open for donations.

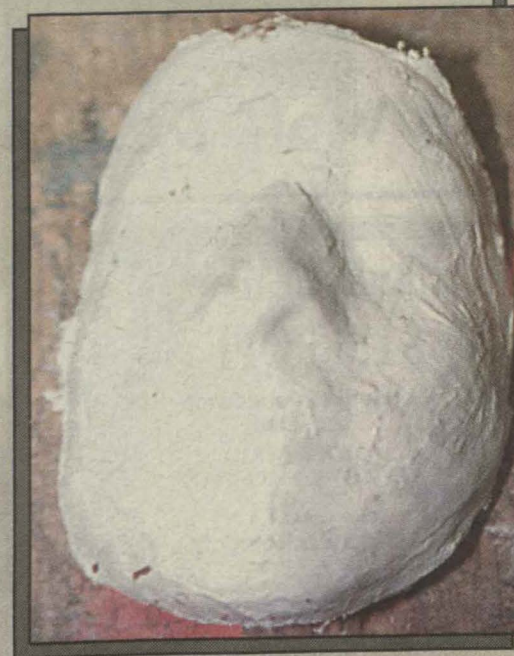


Clay teapot making was taught by Steven Godfrey, UAA art instructor.

**Clay teapot making:** People gathered around Steven Godfrey, a UAA art adjunct instructor, as he explained how to make a clay teapot. About six people were involved at one time, and the pots were turning out nice for people who just came to see UAA's Expo.



The chance to make a clay mask was given to anyone who would volunteer a face.



**Mask making:** Last year they made about 10 masks over the weekend. On Friday, the lab monitor said there had been about three made so far. The process took a half-hour, and real faces were needed to make the masks.



# Biking to UAA solves parking problems

By Casey Jacobs

Special to The Northern Light

Finding a parking place at UAA can be a major problem, causing students to be late for class, miss appointments and quizzes — unless you are on a bicycle.

"I ride because it's fun, cheap and I don't have to mess with the parking, which is a major pain," said UAA student Joe Burke, who rides more than five miles each way to school. For safety he wears a bright yellow jacket, a helmet and a blinking taillight as well as a headlamp at night.

"A lighting system is important at night, especially with moose on the trails," said Burke.

Experts also advise riders to bike defensively. Always look out for traffic in front of you and behind you as well.

"You have to be careful because cars aren't paying any attention to you," Burke said. "I have a close call every week."

Anchorage offers numerous bike paths that run through parks and many parts of the city.

"I ride the trail system because it's convenient," Burke said. "It gives you a break from the busy traffic."

Stormy Haught, another UAA student, bikes to the University and Merrill Field.

"I bike because it's easier, more fun and I skip all the traffic," Haught said. "I don't have to worry about parking; I park at the front door."

Haught plans to bike all winter.

"I made my own studs with one-quarter inch self-tapping sheet rock screws, which grip through any kind of weather."

Darlis Elliot, lead cashier at UAA Parking Services, wants bikers to park only on bike racks.

"Some people are chaining their bikes to doorways, then we can't get them open," Elliot said.

Right now there are no violations for parking your bike in the wrong place. However, next year, students will be cited after receiving a warning ticket.

Officer Jim Knudson, with the UPD, said more students should secure their property to prevent theft. A steel u-lock is hard to break and is good protection against thieves.

"I'm surprised there are not more bikes stolen because students don't always lock their bikes," Knudson said. So far this year, there haven't been any bikes stolen, but last year three were. Knudson plans to start a program next year outlining rules and regulations for bikers. One of his main goals is registering bikes.

"If a registered bike gets stolen we can trace the serial number through the police computer system and often find the bike," Knudson said.

Registering your bike keeps track of the serial number, model and make of your bike, and it's free. The problem is that most people do not know their serial numbers. Many bikes end up being unclaimed.

"Right now the YMCA has 27 donated bikes from Anchorage that no one claimed," Knudson said.

"I use a u-lock protecting both tires and my frame," Burke said.

Many companies like Kryptonite now offer theft coverage with a purchase of a u-lock, which cost from \$20 to \$50.

Biking to the university saves gas money, is great exercise and gives you rock-star parking. Remember to be patient, ride defensively, and laugh at all those late-for-class drivers hunting for a parking place.

Jim Knudson's proposed regulations for next year:

- Set up informative sessions to educate students
- Register all bikes on campus
- Require all bikes to be locked on designated racks
- Give a warning for first-time violation of bike parking
- Citation for a second violation

# Sights and smells of the fall equinox

By Ned Rozell

Special to the Northern Light

A little girl pulls on her rubber boots and rushes outside into the crisp, fall air on Sept. 23. She knows the days are getting shorter, but she doesn't realize that this is the autumnal equinox.

On the equinox, the sun appears to sit over Earth's equator, causing days and nights to each last about 12 hours, everywhere in the world.

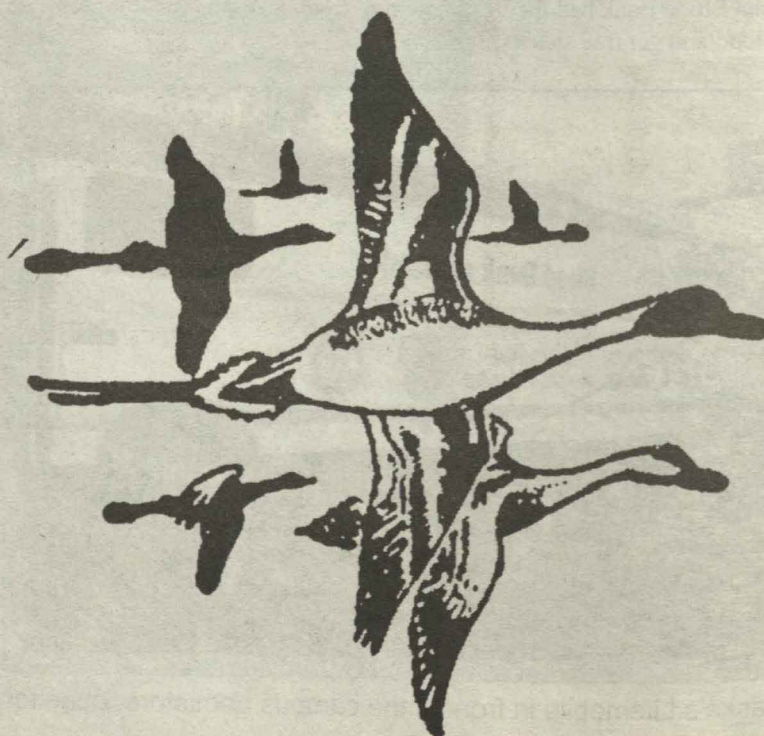
The girl hears the ground crunching under her feet. The temperature had dropped to 27 degrees Fahrenheit the night before, killing many of the plants in her mother's garden. The plants didn't die on earlier nights when the temperature dipped to 32 because sugars within their sap depressed the freezing point.

She walks to her favorite place, the frog pond, down a forest path. She is surrounded by the gold leaves of birch and willow trees. The trees are responding to cooler temperatures and a longer night by destroying chlorophyll. Packed within leaf cells, chlorophyll enables plants to convert the sun's energy to sugars. The trees' shift to dormancy allows other pigments within the leaves to express themselves. It's a brief show of color, lasting until the tree forms abscission layers at the base of leaves, at which time the leaves fall to the ground.

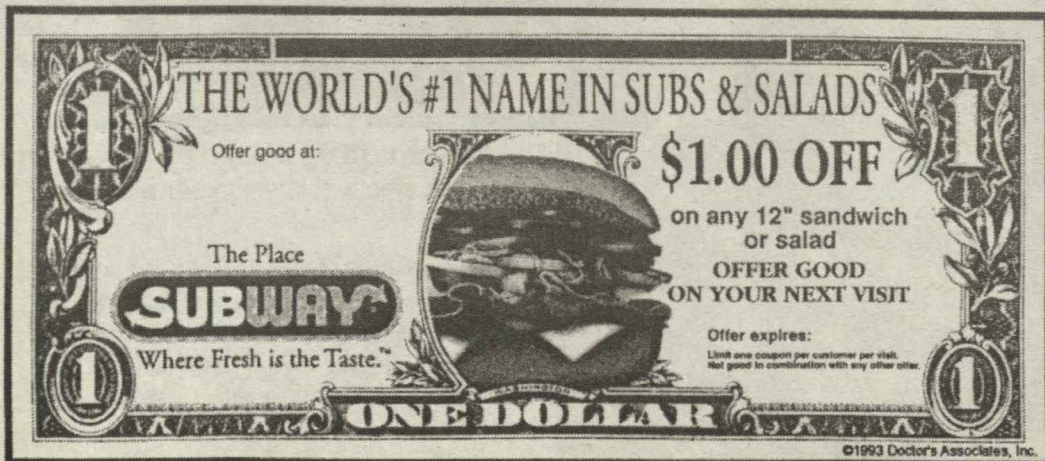
Beneath the girl's boots, burrowed a few inches into the forest floor, are wood frogs, the only amphibian in northern Alaska. During the weeks ahead, a blanket of snow will protect frogs and other hibernators, such as yellow jackets and snow-mosquitoes — a process that doesn't kill them because their blood contains high levels of glucose. They will thaw and hop away the next spring.

Honks in the air draw the girl's attention to the sky, which is clear and blue because air molecules in the atmosphere scatter blue light. Autumn skies in Alaska are a deeper blue than spring skies for two reasons: First, snow covering the ground in the springtime reflects about 90 percent of the light that hits it. Air molecules scatter the reflected sunlight again, washing away a bit of the blue. Second, fall skies are also free of arctic-haze, a wave of pollution from Eastern Europe and Asia. The particles that make up arctic-haze, which shows up in spring, don't scatter blue light as easily as the pure air of autumn.

The little girl watches as Canada geese fly in a V-formation, leaving the rich breeding grounds of the Arctic for warmer places. Scientists who studied flying geese found that a flock of 25 birds in a V can fly 70 percent farther than a single bird using the same amount of energy. In a well-formed V, even the bird at the front receives a benefit from its neighbors.



## Now located in the Wolf Den!





# Events for the week of Oct. 5-12

## Tuesday, Oct. 5

- \$5 Flu Shots. For more information, call the UAA Student Health Center at 786-4040
- "Dating Violence: The Hidden Secret" workshop, 5:30-6:30 p.m., UAA Business Education Building, Room 112. For more information, call 786-4500
- Noon Music, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., UAA Campus Center
- "General Business Practices of Latin/South America" with Russ Howell. For more information, call The World Trade Center of Alaska at 278-7233
- "Symphony 101" 6-7 p.m., Borders Books and Music. For more information, call 344-4099

## Wednesday, Oct. 6

- "Depression" workshop. For more information, call the UAA Student Health Center at 786-4040
- \$5 Flu Shots. For more information, call the UAA Student Health Center at 786-4040
- "Spatial Poetics," the assemblages of Joyce Blunk. Exhibit opens, Kimura Gallery, UAA Arts Building

• "Spruce Creek: A Case Study of Access In Alaska National Parks," with Bud Rice of the National Park Services Environmental Resources Division, noon-1 p.m., UAA Commons, Room 106. For more information, call 786-7757

• Noon Music, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., UAA Campus Center

• Chess Club, 5-10 p.m., Borders Books and Music. For more information, call 344-4099

## Thursday, Oct. 7

• \$5 Flu Shots. For more information, call the UAA Student Health Center at 786-4040

• "The Third Noble Truth: The Ending of Suffering: Nirvana," 7:30-9 p.m., The White Lotus Center. For more information, call 258-1851

• Noon Music, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., UAA Campus Center

• "Test-Taking Strategies" workshop, 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m., UAA Business Education Building, Room 112. For more information, call 786-4500

• Outdoors Club, meeting, 9 p.m., UAA Commons cafeteria

## Friday, Oct. 8

• \$5 Flu Shots. For more information, call the UAA Student Health Center at 786-4040

• German Day, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information, call 786-4030

• USUAA meeting, 1 p.m., UAA Campus Center, Room 105

• Club Council Meeting, 3 p.m., UAA Campus Center, Room 105

• "Science as an Ethical Vocation," with Dr. Courtney Campbell, 3-5 p.m., UAA Engineering Building, Room 110. For more information, call 786-4770

• Pride's Crossing, 8 p.m., UAA Arts Building, Mainstage Theater

• Dominic Gaudious, 8 p.m., UAA Arts Building, Room 150. For more information, call 786-1219

## Saturday, Oct. 9

• Pride's Crossing, 8 p.m., UAA Arts Building, Mainstage Theater

• Film Fest, "Mi Familia," 8 p.m., UAA Arts Building, Room 150

• Johnson Nissan Classic, UAA hockey vs. Niagra, 6 p.m., Sullivan Arena

• Anchorage Symphony Orchestra's 54th season opening, 8 p.m. For more information, call 274-8668

## Sunday, Oct. 10

• Pride's Crossing, 8 p.m., UAA Arts Building, Mainstage Theater

• Johnson Nissan Classic, UAA hockey vs. Boston University, 6 p.m., Sullivan Arena

• "Floral Design as an Art Form," 1-6 p.m., UAA Arts Building, Room 150

## Tuesday, Oct. 12

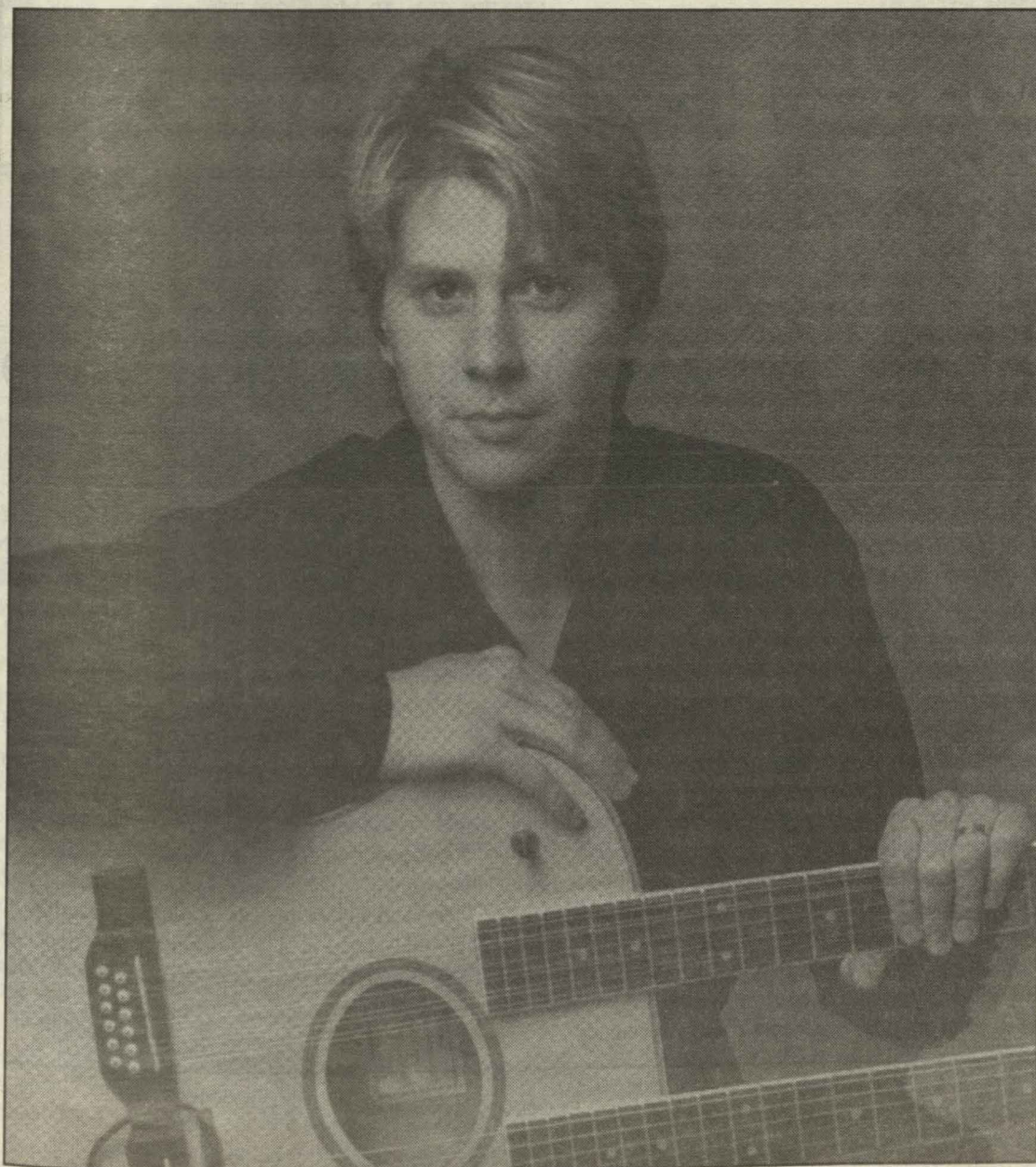
• "Dropping A Class? Need Credits?" workshop, 5:30-6:30 p.m., UAA Business Education Building, Room 112. For more information, call 786-4500

• Noon Music, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., UAA Campus Center

• "General Business Practices of Taiwan." For more information, call The World Trade Center of Alaska at 278-7233

## Ongoing:

• "Spatial Poetics," Kimura Gallery, UAA Arts Building, through Oct. 22



## Box seat

He performed at the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games, with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and for Greenpeace; and now he will play music at UAA.

Dominic Gaudious, a 27-year-old musician who has two albums out, is known as an acoustic guitar "wizard." With the incorporation of exotic instruments, Gaudious blends the sounds of jazz, classical, flamenco, world-beat and folk.

He is a brilliant guitarist and gives a beautiful performance, according to the Las Vegas Weekly.

He will perform on Oct. 8 at 8:00 p.m., in the UAA Arts Building Recital Hall. On Oct. 7, Gaudious will be visiting classrooms and signing copies of his new CD. For more information, call 786-1219.



# This week's Horoscope

By Joyce Jillson



**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) If you can stay objective, you'll make money before Wednesday, although past conditioning tries to color your thought process more than usual. It's a conservative time, try your best to keep from going off on wild tangents.



**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) Self-improvement efforts made before Tuesday make you more marketable than ever. You help a child be creative when you keep criticism to yourself on Thursday. You might have to cancel certain plans in order to successfully pull together a gathering on Friday.



**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21) Through Wednesday, it's only fair to ask for what you need. Others are not in tune enough to know. Make that long-term commitment on Friday. Singles meet companions while on a call of duty.



**CANCER** (June 22-July 22) Better money prospects are available as soon as you break away from draining relationships. A friend can lead you to an abundant source of revenue Thursday — if you know what you're looking for.



**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) Tell people what you've been meaning to say for weeks. Tuesday and Wednesday give you the opportunity and the motive to let it all hang out. You benefit from applying Friday's lessons to several areas of your life. You have an increased appetite for love by the end of the week.



**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Money issues are still central to your thinking; it may be time to diversify your holdings. There's likely to be so many different opinions about the right course of action, that little or nothing gets done. Work on a family business idea.



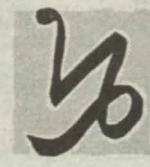
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Before Tuesday, an attitude transformation could make everything beautiful again. Work on Wednesday to overcome someone's distrust. It may be easier to start from scratch rather than attempt to patch things up. Resolve debt situations. Heightened sensuality on Saturday.



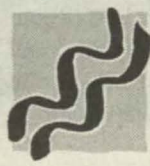
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) Your diplomacy and loyalty bring attention to you. As you give more and more, your wishes come true. Satisfying business gains happen with a little pushing on Thursday. A relationship begins on Saturday.



**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Relationships are going through a necessary process of emotional purification. On Monday, behind-the-scenes work brings benefits. Make increased productivity your top priority. Saturday lends you the willpower to perfect your diet or exercise routine.



**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Attending clubs or classes after Thursday lead to an entertaining new circle of friends. Travel increases your business savvy; make arrangements on Wednesday. Seek the companionship of a Sagittarius, for a change.



**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Blessings yield from far away places on Monday. Those who send out resumes and work the classifieds now find what they are looking for by next week. A loved one really cares, but is unable to tell you until Saturday.



**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) The more mysterious you are around Thursday, the more attractive you are to that special someone. A job interview you thought was unsuccessful turns out to be a major career break. Partnerships of all kinds are fortunate. Do not hesitate to share with friends.

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## National Depression Screening Day: ARE YOU DEPRESSED?

By Carol Montgomery Ph.D. ANP  
UAA Student Health Center

What is depression? We all know what it's like to feel sad or to have the blues ... but clinical depression is a more serious, yet still very common disorder that affects both the mind and the body. It causes disturbances in work, social and physical functioning. Unlike grief or passing sadness, depression continues even when circumstances improve, and can last for months or years if left untreated, resulting in disruption of relationships, professional productivity, disability or death.

That's the bad news. The good news is that depression can be successfully treated. In fact, 80 to 90 percent of treated individuals will have recovered within 6 to 12 months after starting treatment.

**How is it treated?** Treatment can include either medications, counseling/psychotherapy or a combination of the two. In next issue's column we will get a glimpse of cognitive therapy, which is one technique used by mental-

health therapists to treat depression.

Anti-depressant medications work by regulating the balance of serotonin and other natural brain chemicals that are depleted in depressed people. These medications may take several weeks to fully achieve the chemical regulation, but are quite safe, effective, and non-addicting.

That fact that anti-depressants work in this manner shows that depression is a real medical condition, rather than a sign of personal weakness.

**What can bring on depression?** Aside from chemical imbalances, other factors contributing to depression can include life experiences, such as of severe stress or loss, other medical illnesses, certain personality traits and genetic factors. Sometimes depression can appear without any likely causes.

If you suffer from depression you are not alone. According to the National Institute of Mental Health, depression affects over 17 million Americans each year. Less than half of the people suffering from depression seek treatment for it. One out of every 5 adults may experience

depression at some point during his or her life. Twice as many women as men experience depression.

**Want to learn more about depression?** Come to a free seminar presented by Carol Montgomery Ph.D. ANP, on Wednesday, Oct. 6, from 12 to 1 p.m. in Campus Center, Room 105. All interested students, staff and faculty are welcome to attend!

Thursday, Oct. 7, is National Depression Screening Day, part of a nationwide program designed to provide information about the signs, symptoms and treatment of depression. It provides the opportunity to find out if you may be suffering from depression by filling out a written screening form and then discussing the results with a mental-health professional. The U.A.A. Student Health Center clinicians will be in the upper hallway of the Campus Center this Thursday from 1 to 3 p.m. conducting these screenings. If you have any concerns about depression, please stop by and visit with us or call the Student Health Center at 786-4040.



# Ask Miss Kitty and Dr. Tanpam

*Gee, nobody on this campus has problems (at least none that they want to share with two questionably-trained, wise-ass strangers with funny names). The world is a wonderful place. C'mon, guys, throw your most disgustingly embarrassing problems our way. We want to hear from you!*

**Dear Miss Kitty and Dr. Tanpam: I'm running out of money. What should I do?**

**Miss Kitty:** Back when Miss Kitty was just a kitten starting college, things were rough. Tips from a part-time barista job were scraped together to buy food every week. Every penny was budgeted for something. And, yeah, it was tough. But then I ventured into the world of journalism at The Northern Light, and everybody knows journalists rake in the dough, right?

Now, I don't know your exact dilemma. Are you living on a fixed budget for the year and have gone a little wild, or is your job not enough to support you adequately?

If it's the former, you probably need to get a job to pick up the slack. Maybe a little waiting tables on the side, or doling out pretzels in a mall.

Anything that'll keep your belly full with enough nourishment to learn the difference between the philosophies of Aristotle, Kant and Mill, and from incessantly mooching off your friends and getting them pissed at you.

If it's the latter, before you rush out to find a higher-paying job, or get a second one, consider how you spend your money. Do you buy things on a whim, or do you have a budget? If you don't have some kind of budget, whether written out or stashed in that brilliantly analytical college mind of yours, you're probably not making the most of your money. Little things like writing out a grocery list before going to the store can save a lot. It could mean the difference between spending \$50 for a week's worth of groceries or \$15 (yes, it has been done).

And if you don't feel like any of the above suggestions are for you, other alternatives exist, such as pawning items of substantial value (yours, of course), forsaking all earthly possessions and desires and becoming a monk and taking up permanent residence on your best friend's couch, to name a few.

Or just call your parents. Maybe they'll

be willing to pass a few bucks your way — in the name of education, of course.

**Dr. Tanpam:** I won't even mention the obvious opportunities available to a college student (prostitute, drug dealer, superfly-pimp, astronaut), but here's a few suggestions that may (or may not) help you. You be the judge.

Tutor a fellow student. There's no better way to make some extra money and meet fun people your age. Also, it'll give you an extra chance to do your homework while your pupil is struggling through that basic-math 101 long-division problem.

Eat Ramen. A LOT of it. I know you're thinking you'll get tired of eating noodle soup for the rest of your life (or until you pay off your student loans, which is probably just as long), but here are some new things you can try: use spaghetti sauce to make "Ramenetti;" cover it in peanut butter for a tasty giant cracker treat; crumble up the dry pieces and load on melted cheese and salsa. I call this "Rachos."

Sell your books back to the school. I know you were waiting until the end of the semester, but come on! It's 20 bucks a book,

and this way you'll be able to "share" with an attractive member of your preferred sex, spending the day leaning over the respective shoulder of that special "soon-to-be" someone.

Give blood. They won't pay you, but they'll give you free juice and cookies. Also, this will lower your overall blood level, putting you two beers closer to drunkenness! That'll save you \$3.00! (\$6.50 if you frequent bars).

Go on a hunger strike. This will save you a few dollars AND help those poor starving refugees.

And finally, don't live such a wasteful lifestyle! What's the difference between clothes bought at the Gap and the stuff you get from Good Will?

Do you really need that Nike logo plastered all over your body? It makes you look like a walking, talking, Gatorade-drinking advertisement. Face it, you don't need advice — you need a miracle.

*Send your questions to Miss Kitty and Dr. Tanpam c/o The Northern Light, or e-mail them to [ayfeat@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:ayfeat@uaa.alaska.edu).*



**By Adam Overland**  
*Northern Light Humor Columnist*

The content of the photograph that you see in the upper left hand corner of this column, right next to these words, has a net worth of twenty cents. The man is worth nothing obviously, since we smokers have no self-worth, and thus the cigarette makes up the difference. Four dollars a pack is the rate in Alaska. The price in South Dakota was about \$2.50 when I left. We who smoke are very irritated at this, and just generally irritated at a lot of things, which is why we smoke. Thus, we who smoke are irritated even with smoking, and this is ironically sucky.

Personally, I like to know that I'm alive. One way of knowing this is to see your own breath. If Descartes had been the Marlboro

## Smoke 'em if ya got 'em, bum 'em if ya don't

Man, he might have said, "I smoke, therefore, ahuh ... arrccctho, pardon me, I am." If you smoke in the winter cold, you are thus doubly alive — livin' twice as good as nonsmokers (the logic of the Marlboro Man would agree with this, but the real Descartes may have found flaw). I cannot help, however, feel that a little part of me dies with each cigarette I smoke these days. That part of me is my bank account.

What can be done to avoid this?

Well, I could quit. Ha! Ha! Ha! Haahuh...arrccctho! That's the best joke I've told all year! Quit indeed. No thank you, I'm not going to let this world beat me that easily!

I suggest, therefore, bumming cigarettes. Many people already do this, and everyone has their own tactic. There are several approaches to this, including the "I forgot mine" approach, the "My dog smoked my cigarettes approach," the "Pardon me, but may I finish your cigarette?" approach (which usually involves getting a full one), the casual, "I could sure use a smoke" approach and the "This is a stick-up" approach.

Whatever your method, you can be sure

the tobacco industry is less likely to lower prices than the Marlboro Lung Association is to find a cure for cancer.

The cigarette industry knows smokers would trade their grandmothers for a pack, and they'll exploit this like you exploited your grandmother's brownies — before you did, in fact, trade her for a pack of Lights, you bastard!

Based on this, I can't understand why people are saying the cigarette industry is "on its way out." If anything, the future of cigarettes is as bright as can be, when seen through nicotine-caked eyes. For instance, if the stock market does crash, which is inevitable, what do you think people are going to do? Smoke, smoke and smoke some more. Personally, I'm preparing for the eventual crash by investing in the cigarette market. I would invest in the people-throwing-themselves-out-of-windows market, but blatantly intangible markets have yet to be created. My advice is to invest now, and support the product you invest in.

To increase the marketability and investment value of cigarettes, perhaps we could change the name to "sportarettes."

Marketing things like a sport always seems to work (have you seen speed-golf?). "Toughen' up those lungs, the air's only gettin' worse," could read the ads. Seriously, when you nonsmokers can't breathe because of all the smog and exhaust, I'll be out in the haze saying, "This ain't bad, a little nicotine would help, but this ain't bad at all."

In closing, If Karl Marx had been the Marlboro Man, he might have said, "Smokers of the world unite! You have nothing to lose but your lungs."

If any children read this article, please, ahuh ... arrccctho, pardon me, do not smoke. It is good for the economy, but bad for you (contrary, business ethics will soon teach you that anything good for the economy is good for you).

*Tip of the week: Never place a lit cigarette behind your ear, especially if you style your hair with gasoline. If you liked this article, please send cigarettes to The Northern Light, c/o Adam Overland, 3211 Providence Dr, Anchorage, AK 99508.*



# Straight get-down attitude marks 'Right Back'

## Music Review

By Aaron Pieplow

Northern Light Music Reviewer

Artist: Long Beach Dub All Stars

Album: Right Back

Let me make this simple: the band has more happening in five minutes of any track than many artists have in over five albums.

"Right Back" is a difficult recording to categorize. The group samples a wide variety of tastes. The 12 cuts on the album differ significantly in style and feel. A blend of madness between straight reggae, East Coast slowly-articulated rap, third-wave ska guitar, a smooth DJ, well-placed sax riffs and a universe of voice tones — this is like nothing you've ever heard.

Long Beach Dub All Stars are made up

of former Sublime members Erik Wilson, Bud Gaugh and Marshall Goodman, drummer from the group's independent release "40 oz. To Freedom." Augmenting them are a host of featured musicians, including a sax and flute player and noted reggae vocalist Barrington Levy.

The title, "Right Back," is borrowed from a Sublime song about returning to old habits. The tune, from "40 oz.," is a fairly despondent representation of addiction and crime. LBDAS, however, turns the downward spiral back upright as a declaration of independence from their former ways. In this way, they make the statement that they are "Right Back" to their music after the death of Sublime frontman Bradley Nowell, in May of 1996. In fact, the group is a living tribute to him.

The opportunity to break free from

Sublime's shadow was not wasted. The molds are broken from conventional sampling to creative blends of music and lyric.

Possibly the best thing about this album is its worthiness to other types of song. It is a shining example of how to lay down a beat, proving that live bass and drums have better sound and versatility than conventional, synthesized rhythms. Puffy Combs needs to take a hint from these guys.

The introductory offering from the artists contains many things to be praised. It is a fresh take on genre crossovers, that proves itself worthy of both recreational and analytical listening. Its social themes are flawless, and even feature a Fugazi tribute. Tunes like "Kick Down" prove the skills of featured artist Danger. His light voice keeps better syntax and rhyme than any member of Wu-Tang, and seamlessly transfers stanzas. The only flaw with his performance on the album is that there isn't enough of him. He sounds like he has the freeform skills to compete with anyone.

Another skill that did not go unused was their poke at mass media. From the song "Fugazi:"

*You should never get your style from watching MTV*

*All you get is fashion, no originality*

*What clothes are they wearing?*

*What drugs are they on?*

*If I owned a Mercedes would I be someone?*

I personally never got over the Dead Kennedys' song "MTV Get off the Air," so naturally I think that LBDAS has said one of the finest things possible about modern society.

Perhaps the crown jewel of the recording is "My Own Life," which is a simple, solid beat with outstanding background percussion. It has a relaxing feel that is intentionally shattered at the end by classic punk form. But what elevates it from decent to excellent is the flute of Tim Wu. This is the greatest modern flute since Jethro Tull. He utilizes multiple modes, and more importantly, is not repetitive. It is a legitimate jazz riff that lures you into thinking he's not just a flute, but an entire rhythm section playing in stop time.

Overall, the disc has a straight get-down attitude. What gives it uniqueness in its groove is the fine instrumentation the band has acquired since last we heard from them. This disc comes highly recommended. Suffice it to say, I would be downright shocked if this band did not enjoy plenty of mainstream success soon.

## A showcase of jazz talent

By Rodika Tollefson

Northern Light Reporter

A couple-dozen jazz fans got treated to an hour of music and dance combos last week in the Arts Building lobby as part of the UAA Expo.

In an intimate, cozy atmosphere, the UAA Jazz Technicians performed, followed by The Quarter. Members of the UAA Dance Ensemble and dance professor Jill Crosby blended in a few improvisations. They teased viewers with their articulate movements, as they explored the rhythmic possibilities of the human body.

The foot-tapping, head-nodding audience was mesmerized by the upbeat tunes, as Nick Faulkner with the Jazz Technicians mastered his trumpet. Yvonne Kauffman delighted the fans with a clean, but short, vocal performance of "Summertime."

The quartet showcased an elegant mixture of blues and jazz. As guitar player Nick Petumenos put it, they were just a few musicians "playing some tunes," and having fun.

The end brought a beautiful, melancholic dance by Crosby, whose mood went from quiet and romantic to abrupt and intense. The song, called "Autumn Leaves," was like the sound of a rain, and Crosby's elastic moves brought a sad feeling of loss and longing. Her dance was a partially improvised work-in-progress, a tale about fall and leaves, lovers parting and not found, according to Crosby.

Lyuda Terskikh, one of the audience members, was very impressed by Crosby's performance.

"Even her face was dancing," she said.

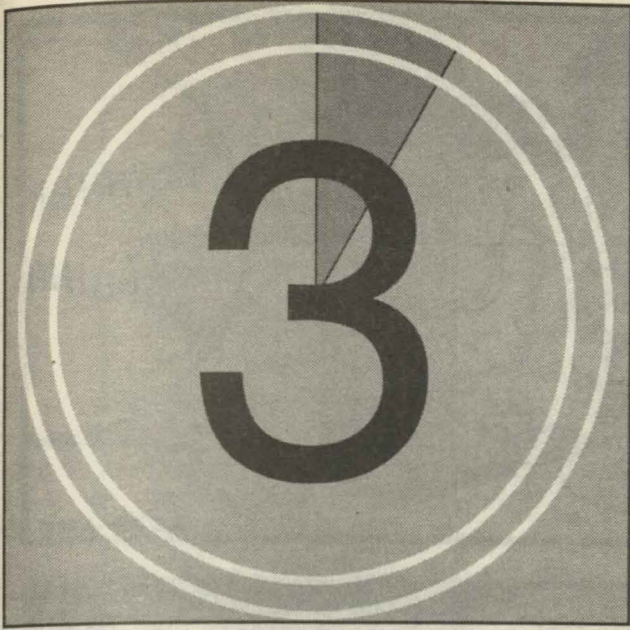
Although many of the artists performed for the first time this season, the evening showed good talent and promising starts.



Yvonne Kaufman performs "Summertime" at the UAA Expo last week.

PHOTO BY MIKE CONTI





By Erick Hayden

Northern Light Movie and Theater Critic

It would be fabulous to see the other major wars with the sense of humor that fills "Three Kings," for it is the sharp comedy that makes the dramatic moments in this movie so incisive.

Set in the aftermath of the Gulf War, four guys, led by Archie Gates (George Clooney), attempt to take a stash of gold bullion that Saddam Hussein has stolen from Kuwait.

# 'Three Kings' royal delight

During their heist, they learn that we may have defeated Saddam in the war, but the people are still struggling to stay alive and fight him, without food or weapons support.

Director and writer David O. Russell films a striking portrait of a land ravaged by the destruction of war, and forgotten by the country that they believe is aiding them. In a scene where the greedy American soldiers are taking the gold and shoving people off their truck, Russell gives you a full sense of our sad situation. He shows us our smug ignorance in feeling proud about "winning" a war that has solved nothing.

After seeing these people being subjugated, Clooney's character decides to break the peace treaty that prevents America from intervening. This propels the rest of the film as Clooney and his crew become outlaws trying to save this small village of people from danger. In so doing, Russell finally does justice to the Arab people by providing them with rich, three-dimensional characterizations.

It's a cast of stellar actors that forms the foundation for Russell's film to fly. This film could easily descend into the cheesy realm of idiotic comedy; instead it rips through with satirical wit that transfers into heavy drama and tense action.

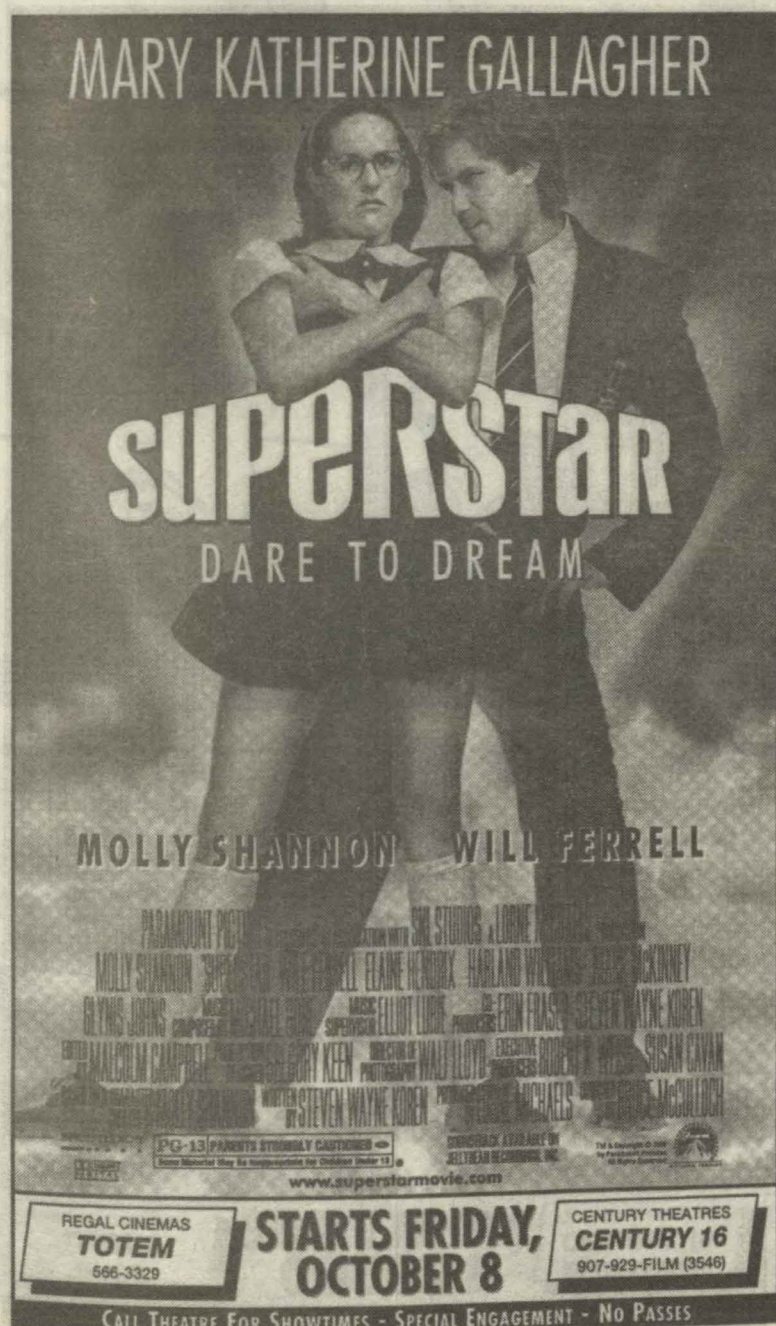
Mark Wahlberg, as Troy Barlow, delivers a great range of comedy and drama. A powerful scene where an Iraqi soldier tells him about how his wife and son were killed in the U.S. bombing raids accents Wahlberg's excellent per-

formance. Both actors draw you in as they give you reasons to empathize with both sides of the story.

Backing his mates up is Ice Cube, as the devoutly religious Chief Elgin. Cube makes his character strong by turning the possibly silly concept of a ring of Jesus fire that he follows, into a serious matter that he unwaveringly believes in. Adding to the comedic follies of this movie is Jamie Kennedy (of the Scream series), as Walter, the goofy and bumbling soldier whom Clooney's character refers to as "Bolo" because he's so clueless.

In a surprisingly wonderful role is Nora Dunn as hard-ass news reporter Adriana Cruz. This role is a nuclear explosion compared to any of the other film roles done by this Saturday Night Live alumnus. Dunn creates a well-rounded character that, on the surface is one straightforward bitch, but underneath, is as confused, scared and saddened by the effects of war as anyone. On top of all of this Dunn keeps a humorous edge to her character.

Through the contrasting powers of comedy and drama, "Three Kings" is a movie that at times is as impacting as any strong dramatic war film. While testing our limits to watch pain, Russell provides us with many humorous outlets to absorb the film's purpose and recognize the insensitivity of our nation. A marvelous mix of chemistry that is worth its weight in Kuwaiti and American gold bullion.



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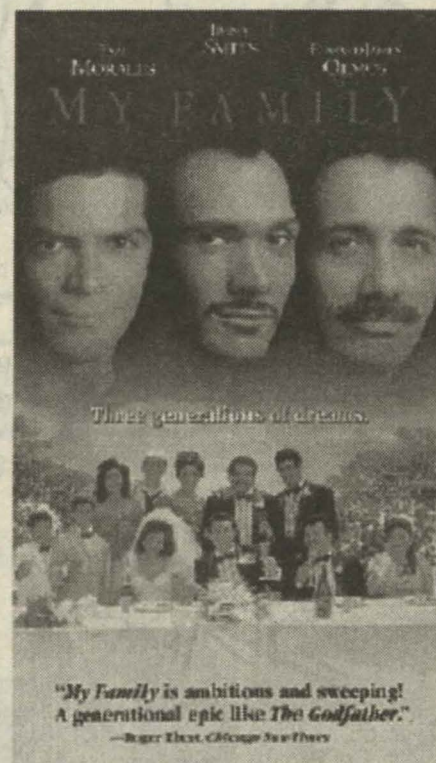
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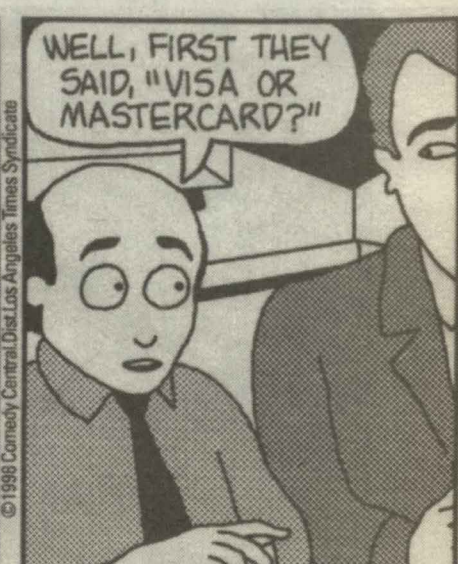
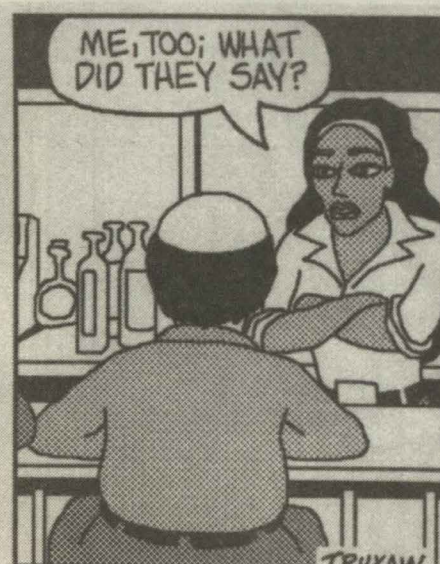
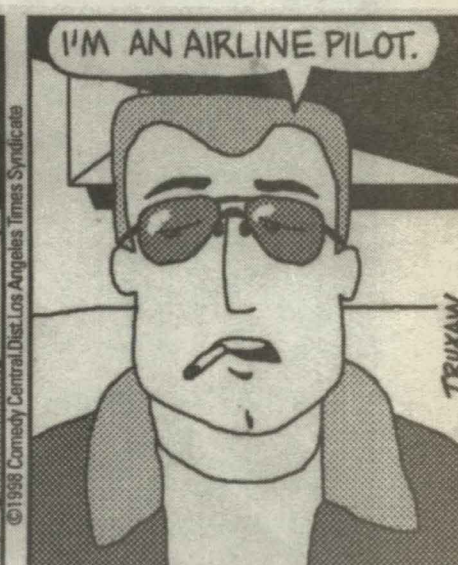
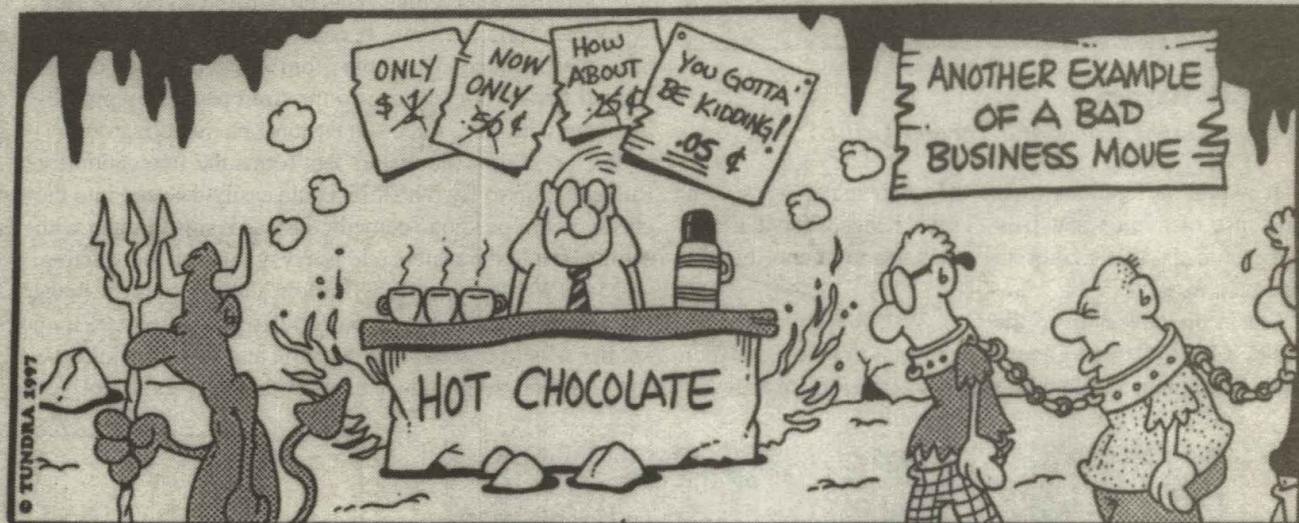
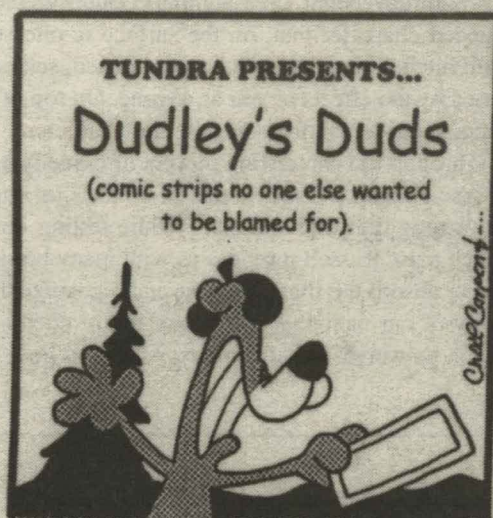
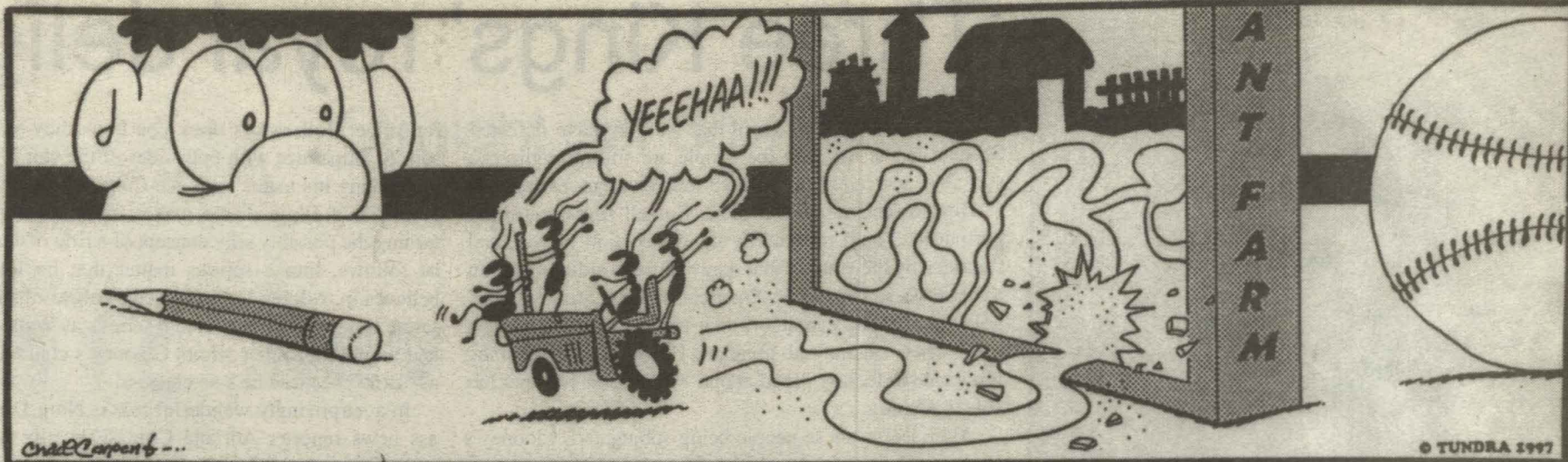
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hall, right by him  
no one sees as classes commence  
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a little PCP  
magic acid, test's not 'til Tuesday,  
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The dragon's gonna party tonight.

— Lexi Stratford

The dragon sleeps  
inside him as he listens to the buzzhum of that  
annoying professor  
who holds his graduation in his grade book

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when the knee-high leather boots clomp by  
the calves, up, merging in the center behind the  
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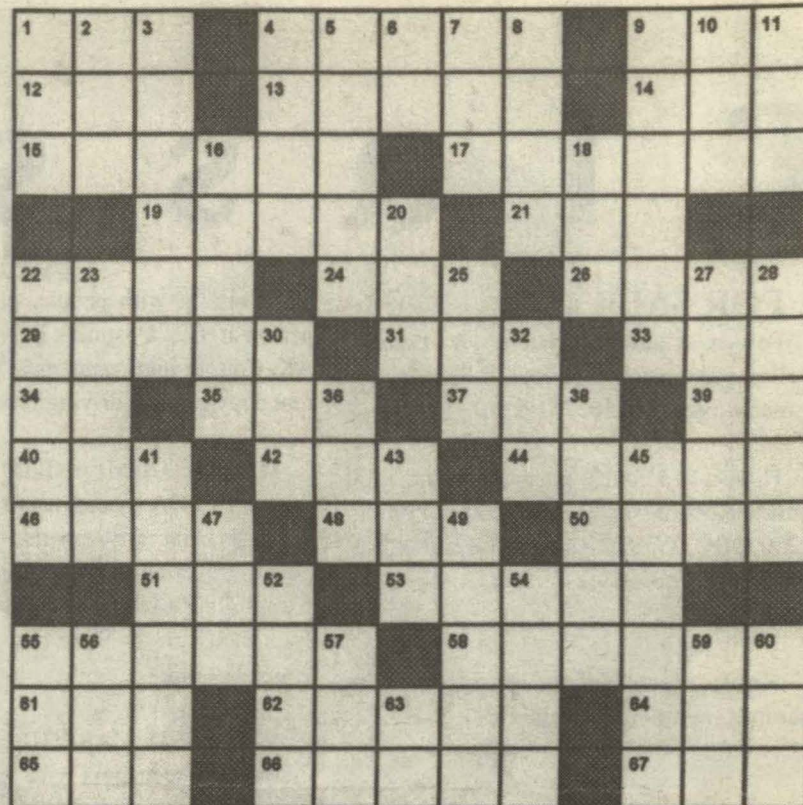
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### ACROSS

- 1 Flaw
- 4 Plebe
- 9 Cap
- 12 Metal
- 13 Odor
- 14 S.E. state (abbr.)
- 15 Household (Literary)
- 17 Beetle
- 19 Happening
- 21 \_\_\_ Carson
- 22 Wise
- 24 Help
- 26 Tableland
- 29 Utilizers
- 31 The Raven (Poet)
- 33 Green
- 34 Indefinite pronoun
- 35 Price
- 37 Tree
- 39 Eastern state (abbr.)
- 40 Number
- 42 Water barrier
- 44 Pro
- 46 Great lake
- 48 Rove
- 50 Concern
- 51 Against
- 53 Jury
- 55 Beautiful view
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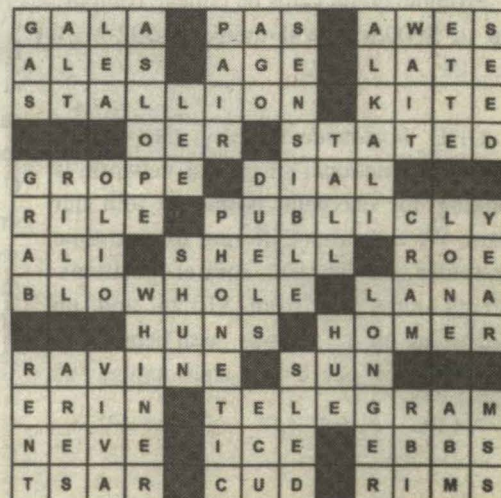
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- 2 Form of be
- 3 Back out
- 4 Close in
- 5 Stadium
- 6 Perform
- 7 Uncle (prov. Eng.)
- 8 State

### 9 Former

- 10 Indicating ileum (comb. form)
- 11 Daughters of the American Revolution (abbr.)
- 16 Veer
- 18 Goal
- 20 Edge
- 22 Group of rooms
- 23 Flower
- 25 Male deer
- 27 Flavor
- 28 Knowledgeable
- 30 Unhappy
- 32 Fairy
- 36 Sack
- 38 Clubbed
- 41 Pleasantly
- 43 Chart
- 45 Luggage
- 47 Age
- 49 Flower
- 52 Number
- 54 Carol
- 55 Relative (slang)
- 56 Feline
- 57 Bed
- 59 Edu. Group (abbr.)
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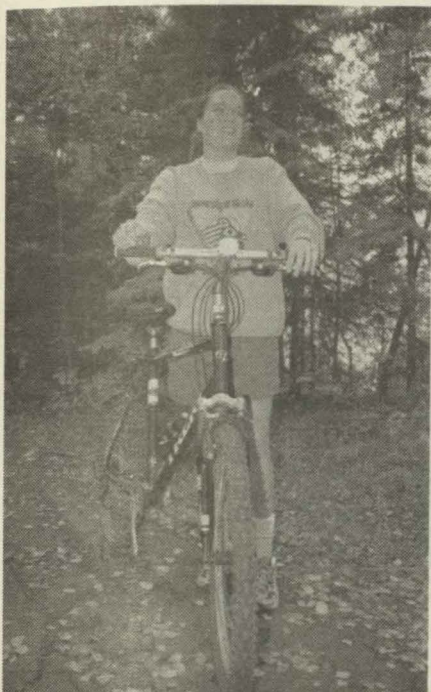
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# Profile!

# Sabrina Bingham

By Michael Matson, *Northern Light* Reporter; Photos by Mike Conti



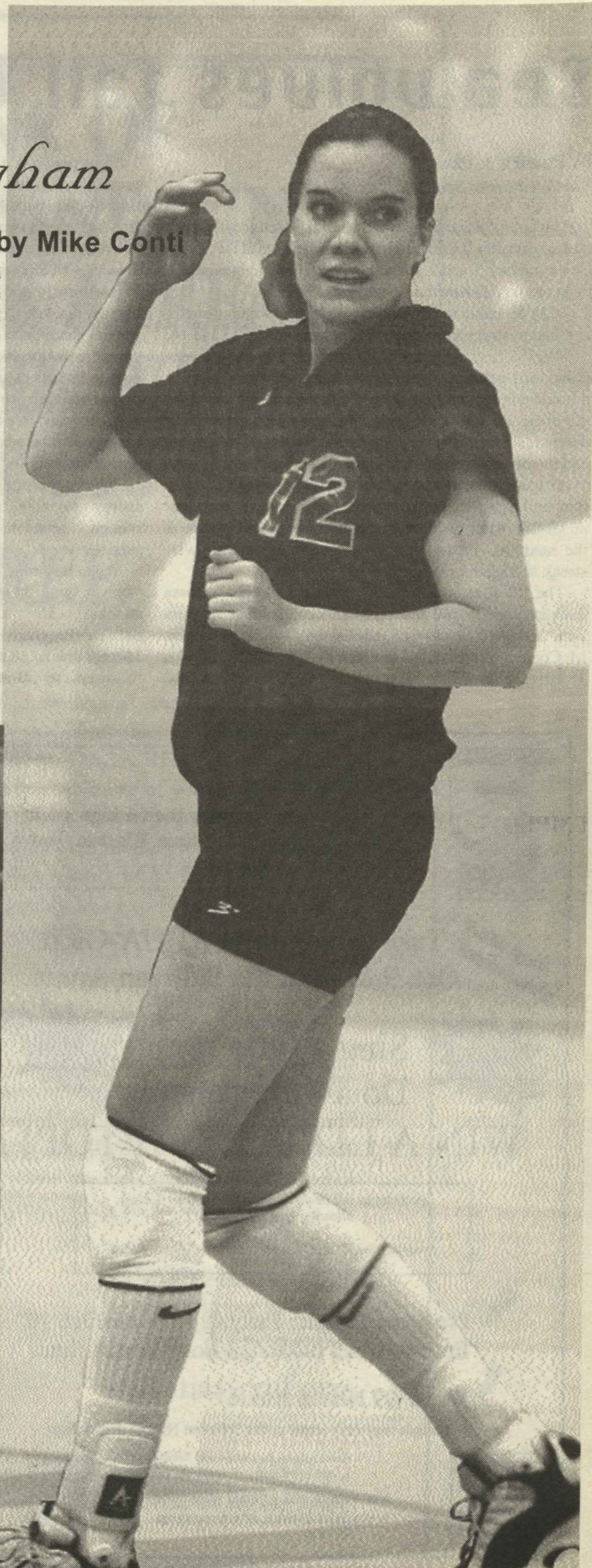
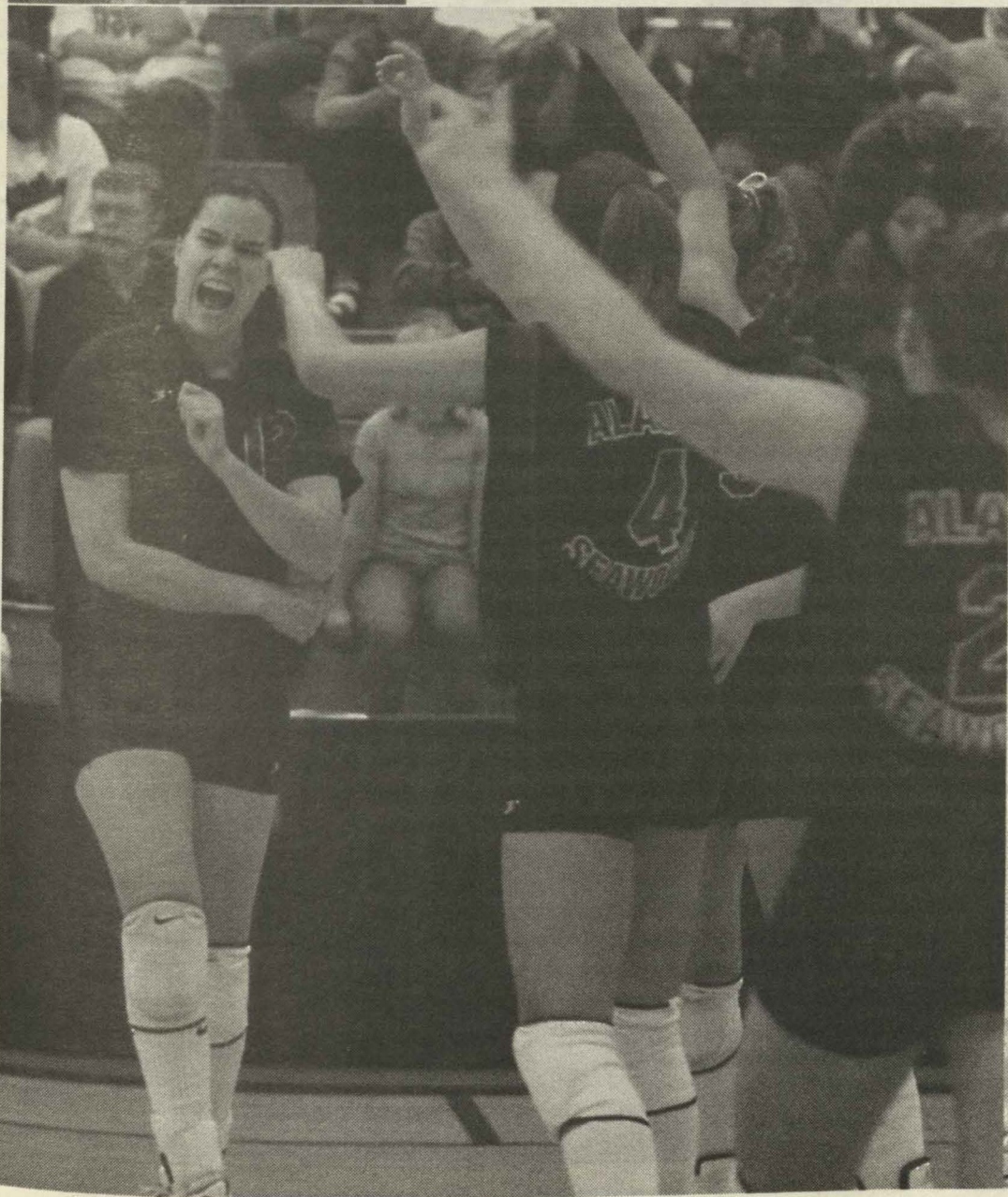
Sabrina Dawn Bingham was born to Don and Donna Bingham on Nov. 25, 1977 in Anchorage, Alaska. While growing up, she enjoyed relaxing in the great outdoors and exploring them. Some of her favorite activities to partake in while she is not on the volleyball court include hiking, biking and sledding.

In high school, at Chugiak, she played on the varsity volleyball team from 1993 to 1996. She helped the Mustangs to a state tournament and made six all-tournament teams.

After high school, she decided that she would like to stay in the state and attend UAA because it was close to her friends and family.

What first got her started in volleyball was the consistent pestering of one of her friends in junior high school to play on the team with her. Sabrina decided that, since it didn't interfere with her first love of basketball, she could do it.

Come check out Sabrina and the rest of the Seawolves at their next home match on the Friday, Oct. 15, against Western Oregon at the UAA Sports Center.





# Seawolves fall to Central Missouri

By Patrick J. Paul  
Northern Light Sports Editor

The UAA Seawolf volleyball team fell victim to the 13th ranked division II Central Missouri St. Jennies at the Sports Center on Oct. 1 and 2. On both nights, the Jennies were led by standout All-American Daria McConnell.

CM St. came to UAA riding a 12 game winning-streak and had to struggle to make the 'Wolves victims 13 and 14.

On the first night, the UAA surged to an early seven-point lead before CM St. managed to score. The Jennies seemed a little confused by the inspired play, and could not get their offence untracked. However, with some tight defense, the Jennies fought their way back into the game, and eventually won the first game 15 to 12.

In game two, UAA managed to keep up their level of play and beat the Jennies 15 to 9, but from there on it was all CM St. After finally reviving their offence, CM St. took the next two hard-fought games, to increase their win-streak to 13 games.

The 'Wolves were led by their stand-outs Vanessa Tsukano with 36 total attacks, 14 kills and Sabrina Bingham with 39 total attacks and 18 kills. All-American Daria McConnell of course, led the Jennies with 53 total attacks, 18 kills and Jen Withoelder with 38 total attacks and 13 kills.

Night two was a good night for volleyball, with both teams playing outstanding games. The teams definitely came to play, with the first three games going down to the wire, and games two and three going to extra points.

UAA managed to squeak out a victory in the first game, 15 to 13. CM St. came back to win the second game in extra points 16 to 14 and the 'Wolves regrouped and took game three 16 to 14 also.

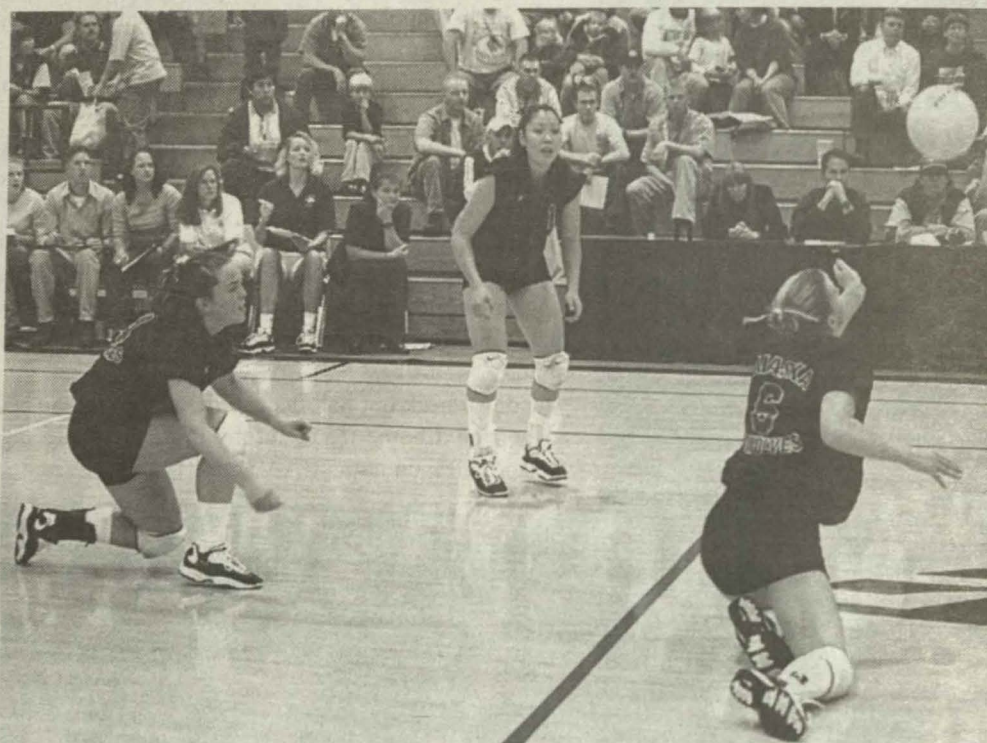
With three such exciting games at first, the final two seemed anticlimactic, with the 'Wolves running out of gas and the Jennies establishing their ranking creditability and increasing their streak to 14 games. Neither game would be considered a rout. UAA just could not muster the energy to play well enough to beat a ranked team.

Tegan Bosard led the 'Wolves with 74 total attacks, 26 kills; Sabrina Bingham had 15 total attacks, 18 kills; followed by Brianne

Halling with 37 total attacks, 17 kills and Vanessa Tsukano with 60 total attacks, 14 kills.

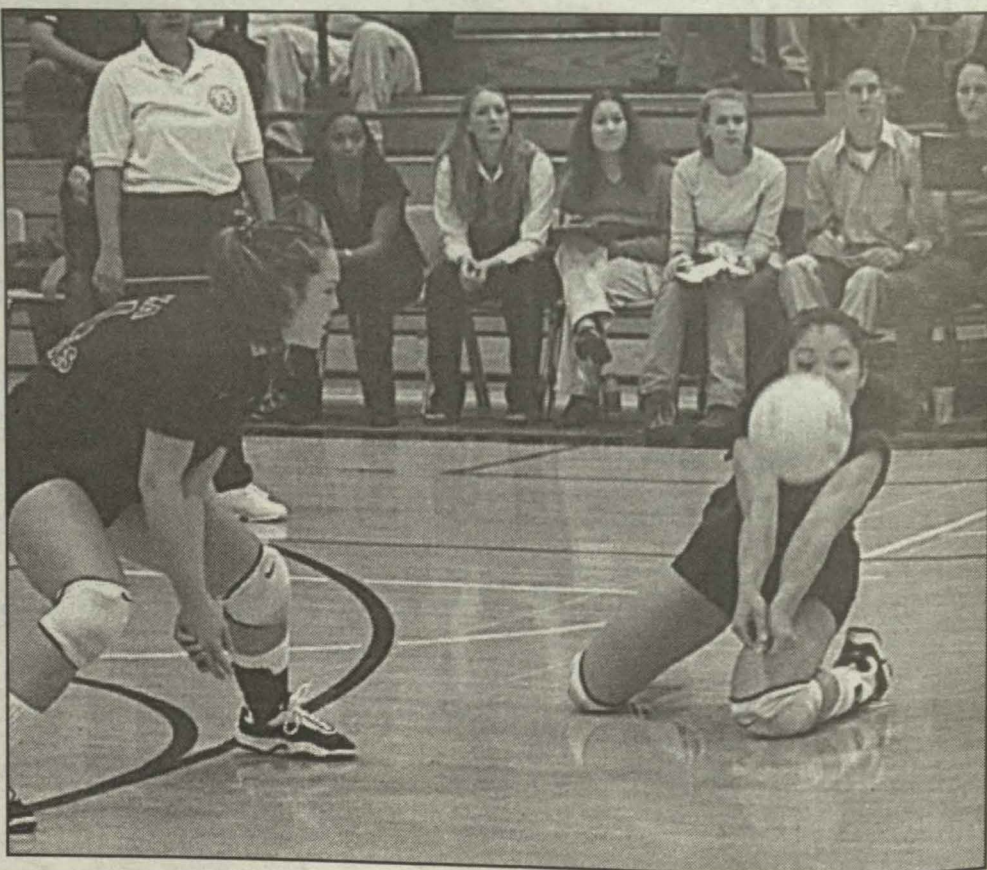
But the night belonged to Daria McConnell, who had 103 total attacks, with 41 kills. Rhea Griffin added 60 total attacks and 13 kills, and Janell Mohme added 56 total attacks with 19 kills.

UAA, despite the losses, should be proud of their level of play. The 'Wolves take their 9 to 8 record on the road, playing Central Washington on Oct. 8, and Saint Martin's on Oct. 9.



Above: Janelle Morrisette tries to make it to the ball.

Below: Vanessa Tsukano dives for one in the game against Missouri.



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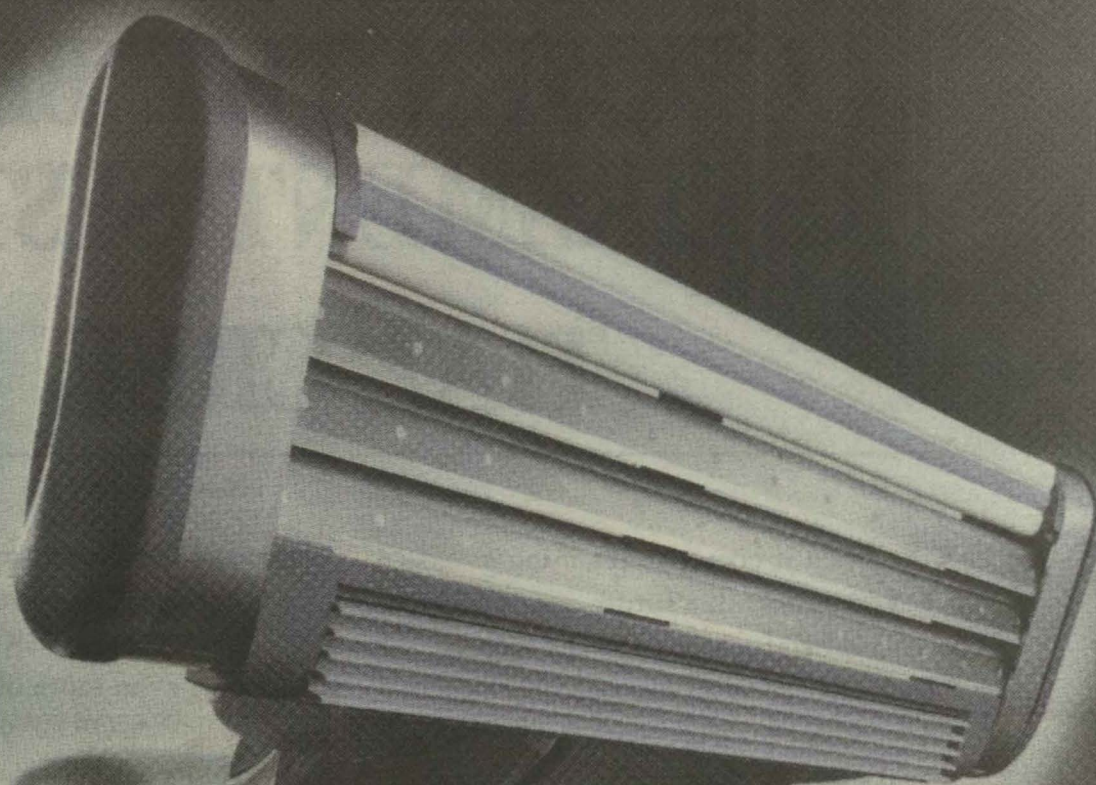
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